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... OF THE

COMBINED MINUTES  
of the CONFERENCES

OF THE

DISTRICTS OF THE EVANGELICAL SYNOD  
OF NORTH AMERICA

HELD IN  
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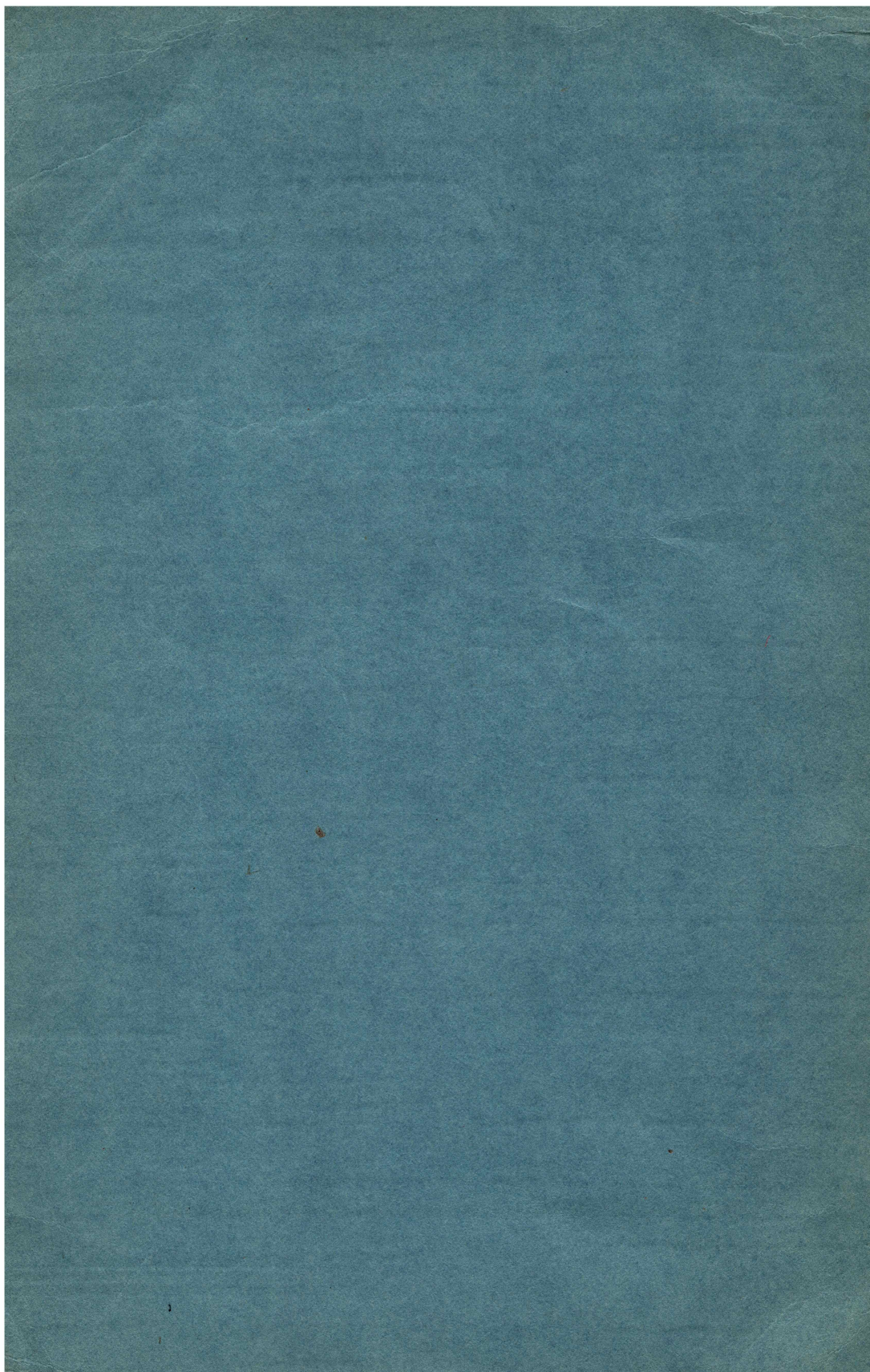
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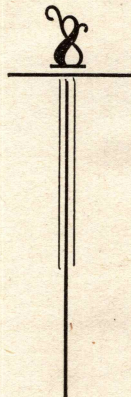
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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**50th ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
of the  
**ATLANTIC DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**

Held in

**Zion Evangelical Church, Amsterdam, N. Y.**

Rev. Edw. Lautenschlaeger, Pastor

**June 14 to 18, 1935**

Conference Theme: "The Greater Task; a Challenge to  
Our Membership"

The program of the 1935 Conference of the Atlantic District was rich and varied. Three public worship services, two addresses, a communion and memorial service and four devotional periods presented ample material for meditation.

The opening service was in charge of the Rev. E. T. Henzel of Albany, N. Y. The Rev. F. C. Klick, President of the Synod preached an impressive sermon of challenge and inspiration on the question Jesus put to Peter: "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" The speaker pointed out that the first qualification for discipleship is love of the Christ. All other things in our fellowship with the Master are dependent upon this love. The minister and the church member must have this love.

Peter did love Jesus, therefore Jesus could do nothing greater for his disciple than giving him something to do for the Master. We, as followers of the Christ may have many opportunities to prove our love to him, by caring for those who are in difficult places and situations of life. This scope of privilege includes the work in the foreign mission fields as well as the work among those in the neglected rural regions and the submerged areas of our large cities. The work of the church is to alleviate misery and sorrow, to right social injustice, prejudice and racial hatred. Lip service without deeds will disprove our love of Christ.

This is the challenge that Christ offers all of us. We will be able to do this task with the help of the Holy Spirit. The love of Christ will make it possible that we will find a solution for these many problems of our time.

In conclusion the speaker said: "The Lord is depending upon us.



If we fail, all that he did will be a failure as far as it concerns those whom we touch. But we will not fail him. We shall do our part, that the prophecy might be fulfilled. That the kingdoms of this earth shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ."

The choir of Zion Church added to the beauty of this impressive service with the singing of well-chosen anthems. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Edw. Lautenschlaeger, welcomed the guests of the Conference in his genial manner. The President of the District, the Rev. F. C. Rueggeberg responded in behalf of the Conference.

On Saturday morning the Conference opened with a communion service conducted by the Rev. F. C. Rueggeberg, President of the Atlantic District, assisted by the Rev. Edw. Lautenschlaeger, pastor of Zion Church, and the Rev. P. Briesenmeister, Vice-president of the District. During the course of the morning session President F. C. Rueggeberg introduced the Rev. F. C. Klick, President of the Synod, who spoke to the Conference on various phases of the Synodical work. The Conference gave the Rev. Klick a hearty vote of thanks for his stirring appeal for greater cooperation, and requested that he convey the greetings of the District to other Conferences that he might attend. The session was closed with a devotional period, led by the Rev. Theo. Fischer of Cambridge, Md., who spoke on the subject, "The Sustaining Work of God."

On Saturday afternoon a well planned outing to the historic sites of Cooperstown, N. Y., brought an interesting diversion for the Conference guests.

Sunday brought ideal weather for the services planned for the day. The Sunday school was addressed by the Rev. P. W. Meisenheimer of Taylor, Pa.

The morning worship was one of Commemoration and Challenge. The special service was arranged to celebrate the 25th anniversary of dedication of Zion's beautiful church. The Rev. H. M. Strub of Williamsport, Pa., was in charge of the liturgical part of the service. The Rev. L. C. F. Miller of Scranton, Pa., preached the English sermon, using as his text Matt. 16: 24. He spoke with conviction and force on the "Requisites of True Discipleship." His text naturally fell into three headings.

1. Self-denial in which we are to learn the fine art of giving up.
2. Cross-bearing which means more than merely considering the cross as a symbol.
3. Following, or continuing in the spirit of our forefathers.

After the singing of a beautiful anthem by the choir the service was continued in the German language. The Rev. E. J. F. Dettbarn of Baltimore, Md., preached the sermon. He took as his text Eph. 2: 19-22. In a fine spiritual way he treated the subject, "Die Kirche des Herrn."

1. Erbaut auf den Grund und Eckstein Jesus Christus.
2. Waechst ineinander gefuegt zum heiligen Tempel
3. Zur Behausung Gottes im Geist.



At the close of this service "The Golden Book of Memories" was dedicated by the Rev. Edw. Lautenschlaeger.

In the afternoon and evening a Young People's Rally was held in a park near Amsterdam. This rally closed with a beautiful twilight service. In this service the Rev. Arthur Newell of Richmond, Va., spoke very ably on the subject, "From Vision to Action."

On Monday morning the session was opened with a Memorial Service conducted by the Rev. Edward Fuhrmann, Sr., of Newark, N. J. This was a brief but a most impressive service. At the close of the session the Rev. Theo. Essebaggars of New York City led the devotions. He gave a challenging address on the subject, "Divine Resources for Effective Living."

During the afternoon session Prof. John H. Eisenhower, Director of the Junior College of Bucknell University, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., delivered an enlightening and instructive discourse on "Pulpit, Consistory and Pew." President F. C. Rueggeberg then presented Dr. George W. Richards, President General of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Dr. Richards spoke briefly on the progress being made by the Constitutional Committee. Rev. Chas. Enders brought the session to a close with prayer.

The last public worship service was held on Monday evening. The Rev. Chas. Enders of Washington, D. C., had charge of the liturgical part of the service. Dr. George W. Richards preached the sermon. He spoke in a very interesting and enlightening manner on the Union of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches. The Rev. W. Frenzen installed the members of the District Council.

The last session of the Conference was opened with devotions in charge of the Rev. G. Siegenthaler of Baltimore, Md., who spoke on, "Christ's Measure for Church Membership." The Conference came to a close with a challenging devotion led by the Rev. Paul L. Schmidt of Baltimore, Md., who spoke searchingly on the subject: "The Discipline of Love."

### **Congregations of the Atlantic District Arranged According to Regional Conference Areas**

#### **Baltimore Region**

Baltimore, Md., Christ—Wm. Sauer

First United, Wm. Glenn

Friedens—George Otto

Huber Memorial—Rudolph J. C. Fleck

Messiah

Morrell Park

St. John-Concordia—Edgar Hertung

St. John—Webster E. Parks

St. Luke—W. S. Jones

United Evangelical—Albert Schmeiser

St. Matthew—Mrs. Ida Bruning

Annapolis, Md., St. Martin—Frank Sazama



Ardmore, Md., Union Evangelical  
 Cambridge, Md., Immanuel—Robert Montgomery  
 Stemmers Run, Md., Zion  
 Frostburg, Md., Zion—John G. Merrbach  
 Washington, D. C., Concordia  
 Richmond, Va., St. John—Mrs. August Dietz  
 Columbia, Pa., Salem—Wm. E. Colin  
 Williamsport, Pa., Immanuel—George Gehron  
 Scranton, Pa., First Evangelical—Wm. Leber  
 Scranton, Pa., Trinity—George Waldman  
 Taylor, Pa., St. Paul—Elmer Weisenfluh

#### **Metropolitan Region**

Brooklyn, N. Y., Bethlehem—August Schacht  
 New York, N. Y., Christ—Wm. Daab  
 New York, N. Y., St. Paul—Mrs. E. Lefton  
 Bayonne, N. J., German Evangelical  
 Bayonne, N. J., St. Paul  
 Garwood, N. J., St. Paul—Louis J. Wenzel  
 Irvington, N. J., Emanuel—Miss Hazel Wacker  
 Newark N. J., Bethlehem—Miss Helen D. Hoffman  
 Newark, N. J., St. Stephen—Fred E. Miller  
 Newark, N. J., Zion—Carl Wacker  
 Trenton, N. J., St. Paul—Charles Haacker  
 Mt. Vernon, N. Y., St. John

#### **Capital City Region**

Albany, N. Y., Evangelical Protestant—C. Martin  
 Amsterdam, N. Y., Zion—W. R. Willis  
 Berlin, N. Y., Zion  
 E. Poestenkill, N. Y., Zion  
 Schenectady, N. Y., Friedens—Charles Remschnid  
 Taberton, N. Y., Zion—John Teal  
 Troy, N. Y., St. Paul—Wm. Kunz

#### **Conference Committees**

1. *District Reports*—Pastors: Edw. Paetzold, B. W. Tannler, P. Zeller, A. W. Newell, Wm. L. Moenkhaus, Commissioned Worker, Laura Gillman. Lay Delegates: Zion, Frostburg, Md.; First Evangelical, Scranton, Pa.; Immanuel, Cambridge, Md.; Immanuel Williamsport, Pa.

2. *Synodical Reports*—Pastors: W. Bourquin, P. Briesemeister, S. Lefton, C. T. Schaefer, F. A. Giese, Commissioned Worker, Lillian Baer. Lay Delegates: St. John's, Richmond, Va.; Evangelical Protestant, Albany, N. Y.; St. Matthew's, Baltimore, Md.; St. Luke's, Baltimore, Md.

3. *Credentials, Excuses and Traveling Expenses*—Pastors: P. W. Meisenheimer, J. Kehoe, E. Fuhrmann, Jr., A. Juergens, J. C. Heater. Lay Delegates: St. Paul's, Garwood, N. J.; Trinity, Scranton, Pa.; Huber Memorial, Baltimore, Md.; Zion, Amsterdam N. Y.



4. *Application for Membership*—Pastors: Titus Lehmann, Chas. Enders, W. Bourquin.

5. *Nominations*—Pastors: P. Gabler, G. Siegenthaler, E. T. Henzel, O. Guthe. Lay Delegates: St. John's, Baltimore, Md.; Friedens, Schenectady, N. Y.; Christ, Baltimore, Md.

6. *Elections*—A. Pastors: H. Yaggi, J. Schauer. Lay Delegates: United, Baltimore, Md.; St. Martin's, Annapolis, Md.; Morrell Park, Baltimore, Md. B. Pastors: Paul L. Schmidt, R. W. Jungfer, Jr. Lay Delegates: First United, Baltimore, Md.; St. Paul's, Trenton, N. J.

7. *Publicity*—Rev. Edw. Lautenschlaeger. Lay Delegate of St. Paul's, Troy, N. Y.

### **Resolutions**

#### **District Reports**

1. We agree with our president that "a fearless proclaiming of the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus and at the same time a courageous effort on the part of the pastors and their people to carry this truth out as consistently as it is believed, will yet save the church from dry rot and moral impotence." It is our conviction that the Christian Church will mean no more to our age than the devotion with which it teaches and organizes for a genuine Christian Society. We believe in a Christ-like world and regard the Kingdom of God as a realizable end of human enterprise. We, therefore, resolve to increase our efforts to rediscover for our age the values of the Kingdom of God and we demand of any system that it preserve and carry them forward.

2. We believe that the financial problem in our churches as well as in the Synod at large is at bottom a spiritual problem. We, therefore, urge our pastors and congregations to place more stress upon those spiritual truths which will revitalize our Christian living as well as our giving.

3. We agree with our District President that the Elmhurst-Eden Advance is still a venture of our Church which commends itself to all of us. We hope, therefore, that all pledges from the Atlantic District may be turned into cash as soon as possible.

4. The District reiterates its disapproval of the practice of raising money through questionable means. Especially do we agree with our President General, that the sale of beer and liquor under the auspices of the church, should not be countenanced.

5. We are grateful to the churches who have paid their Synodical budget in full and to those who met the quota they accepted. With respect to the delinquent churches we believe that, despite these hard times more can be done for the Kingdom than has been done. We recommend therefore, that an intensive promotional program be carried out on the part of the District Council with a view to awakening in our people a new interest and enthusiasm for the larger Kingdom enterprises.

6. We rejoice to hear that the Home Mission work in our District has moved forward, and we heartily congratulate those churches that have made progress.



With respect to the future of the Messiah Evangelical Church, Woodlawn, we feel that the District Home Mission Committee is qualified to deal with the situation. At the same time we commend Brother Juergens for his valiant efforts in this field.

7. We concur with the Committee of Religious Education that a development of a religious education consciousness in the local church is sorely needed. Our committee is qualified to present an adequate program to create the best possible conditions for the realization of an evangelistic objective. The District welcomes the program offered by our committee and urges the churches to include the services of this committee in their church work.

8. Recognizing the value of Dunkirk, the District shall appropriate \$100.00 from its treasury for this religious educational venture of our Church.

9. The District concurs in the resolution of the Baltimore Regional Conference, viz: The committee recommends that the Regional Conference ask the District Council to request the Synodical Board of Religious Education to confer with the Board of Religious Education of the Reformed Church with reference to making the Leadership Training School and the Boys' and Girls' Camps at Camp Mensch Mills and the Mission Conference at Hood College available to the members of our churches, and to investigate the possibility of moving the Leadership Training School to Hood College in order to provide room for a larger number than can be accommodated at Camp Mensch Mills.

10. The District re-emphasizes the values of the Pension Fund and reminds Synodical pastors of their duty to become members.

11. The books of the District Treasurer have been examined and found correct. The District voices its appreciation to Mr. Adam Friedrich for his splendid service of 26 years as Treasurer of our District. We bid him and his wife Godspeed as they leave for a well earned rest in Europe. We rise to wish them health and happiness.

12. We desire to record our confidence in and our appreciation of the work done by our District Officers and our District Council and recommend that the President and Secretary be given the customary gratuity of \$100.00.

13. To the bereaved families of pastors and lay members of the District we tender our deepest sympathies.

14. The District extends congratulations to those churches and individuals who commemorated anniversaries during the year:

We extend felicitations to Rev. Bourquin, upon completion of 25 years as minister in Bethlehem Church, Brooklyn, New York.

To Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mankey upon their 25th wedding anniversary.

To Rev. E. Fuhrmann, Sr., who will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination in October, 1935.

To Rev. E. J. Paetzold, Chairman of the Board of Religious Education, upon his receiving the Master of Arts Degree in Religious Education from New York University.



15. The District recognizes the faithfulness and loyalty of two men, who for more than 45 years attended the Conferences of our District as representatives of their respective congregations. We refer to Mr. John G. Merrbach of Frostburg, Md., and Mr. Henry H. Burschel of Scranton, Pa. The latter is bedfast, therefore, we instruct our secretary to send him a telegram in which we assure him of our wish that God may grant him a complete recovery.

16. We are grateful to Zion Church and its pastor for the hospitality shown in entertaining the Conference and vote the sexton a gift of \$10.00.

17. It is our contention that real guarantees to organize should be given American workers and that our government should provide for the establishment of unemployment, old-age and social insurance. Also that we favor the adoption of the child-labor amendment now before the American people.

18. In view of the many evidences of an increase in Fascist sentiment in America we desire to record our loyalty to those democratic principles and traditions upon which our Republic is founded. We believe that in its essence, democracy is based upon Christian principles, freedom, justice and brotherhood.

We, therefore, assert our faith in the following democratic principles:

1. That the State exists for the good of the individual and not the individual for the State.
2. That no form of government has any authority to exist save as it serves the public.
3. That the rights of citizenship belong equally to every group in our population, without distinction of race, color, creed or political opinion, and that attempts to discriminate against any such groups are essentially undemocratic and un-American.
4. That no authority exists, anywhere, competent finally to determine what is the public good, except the people who are governed.
5. That the right of every individual to express himself freely upon all public questions is itself beyond question.

19. The District recommends:

1. That in all our churches determined, persistent effort be made through educational processes to persuade our people of the unchristian sinful character of war, and of those inherent characteristics of the capitalist system which inevitably lead to war.
2. That we encourage our people to renounce war and its causes, as sin and, as Christians, to refuse participation in war or war preparations, directly, as combatants or, indirectly, as munitions workers or investors.
3. That we establish in all of our churches positive programs of peace education.
4. That we oppose the compulsory military training of our youth in high schools, colleges, universities or under any auspices whatsoever.



5. That a movement be started to amend the Constitution of the United States to the end that the power to declare war may be transferred from the Congress and the President to the people, whose will shall be determined by a national plebiscite.

Furthermore, we recommend that this resolution be referred to the General Conference for consideration.

20. The retired pastors in our District shall be invited to the Conferences of the District. The cost shall be defrayed by our District Treasurer.

*Edw. Paetzold, Chairman*  
*B. W. Tannler, Secretary*  
*P. Zeller*  
*A. W. Newell*  
*Wm. L. Moenkhaus*  
*Laura Gillman*  
*John G. Merrbach*  
*Wm. Leber*  
*Robert Montgomery*  
*George Gehron*

#### **Synodical Reports**

1. The Atlantic District commends the officers of our Church at large, the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, as well as all the other Boards, for the new emphases and their efforts to adjust the work to the changed conditions in the various fields of our church activity.

2. With joy and gratitude the Atlantic District observed the unique and splendid manner in which the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches was consummated, and we are confident that the fine spirit of unity and fellowship will make the solution of the further problems as pleasant and effective as the first great step at the Convocation at Cleveland, Ohio, last summer.

3. The Atlantic District realizes the serious financial condition of our Church, and urges all to do their utmost in training the Church members in Christian stewardship.

Quiet and prayerful study, however, must lead us to consider the cause as well as the remedy of this retrogression in giving for the Kingdom of God purposes.

Efforts of the Church to change the economic conditions, which will make it possible for all our people to live and give, are expected, necessary, and effective. The willingness of the people to give is not dead, but paralyzed. May we lead our people and our churches to the Healer, who in answer to our faith and earnest efforts, will restore the lost power.

4. The Atlantic District requests that in the new church manual a form be included for the reception of members of the Synod at the annual conferences.

5. We thankfully recognize the great value of the field work now required to be done by all our theological students. As the critical study and evaluation of theological seminaries of our country brought



about by the articles of Fred Eastman of Rochester, N. Y., has shown that our seminaries can be made of greater value the Atlantic District requests that the conclusions of this analysis be earnestly considered by the Faculty of our Seminary, and especially that a required course in Religious Art and Architecture be added to the curriculum of our Eden Seminary at St. Louis, Mo.

*W. E. Bourquin, Chairman*  
*P. Briesemeister*  
*S. Lefton*  
*C. T. Schaefer*  
*F. A. Giese*  
*Lillian Baer*  
*Mrs. August Dietz*  
*C. Martin*  
*Mrs. Ida Bruning*  
*W. S. Jones*

#### **Special Resolutions**

1. The Atlantic District endorses the closing of the Chicago branch of the Eden Publishing House.
2. The District welcomes the merging of the English Church papers of the two branches of the Church to be known as the "Messenger" to be published beginning in October and urges all members to secure subscriptions.
3. The District Home Mission Board is authorized, if needed, to draw from the District Treasury the sum of \$500.00 for relief of District Home Mission workers for the year 1935 only.
4. That we express our thanks to our Moderator and Vice-Moderator for the fairness with which they conducted the business of this Conference, and to the officers and committees for their untiring service rendered the District during the past year.

#### **Minutes of the Lay Delegate Meeting**

Mr. C. T. Martin was elected chairman of the Laymen's meeting, Miss H. Hoffman was elected secretary.

A motion was made and carried that fifty cents (50c) be contributed by each delegate for the purchase of candy for the ladies who prepared the meals.

A motion was made and carried that the five dollars surplus from the gift fund be used for the purchase of a page in the "Golden Book of Memories" in memory of the deceased pastors and delegates of the Atlantic District.

The report of the Traveling Expense Committee was as follows:

Total expense of the laymen .....\$563.71

Number of congregations ..... 39

Average expense for each layman ..... 14.46

A motion was made and carried that this be raised to \$15.25.

The following churches were excused from participation in the



traveling expenses: Morrell Park, Baltimore, Md.; Messiah, Woodlawn, Baltimore, Md.; Evangelical, Bayonne, N. J.

The following churches were excused from the Conference: Evangelical, Ardmore; St. John, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Concordia, Washington, D. C.

It was voted that the laymen recommend that Zion, East Poestenkill and Zion, Berlin, be excused from all obligations temporarily and that their cases be referred to the District Council for action.

It is recommended that Mrs. Milton C. Lang, field worker of the Medical Missionary Society be commissioned as a Commissioned Worker of our Synod if at all practical.

The Laymen's meeting would suggest that the devotional periods be cut so that there might be more time for actual working business and discussions. It would also suggest that inasmuch as many ministers desire this devotional period as a source of inspiration that they make use of it by prompt and faithful attendance.

*Helen Hoffman*, Secretary.

#### Miscellaneous

The total traveling expenses of the pastors .....	\$495.13
Pastors participating .....	43
Equalization .....	11.50

The following pastors were excused from attending the Conference but are to share the traveling expenses: Dr. R. Stave, Rev. O. Guthe. The Rev. H. Manrodt was excused and the secretary instructed to send a letter expressing our regrets and sympathy to him.

Excused from the Conference and exempted from participation in traveling expenses were the Revs. R. W. Jungfer, Sr., L. Pfeiffer, C. Schauer, Walter Fuhrmann and Geo. Kern.

#### New Members

The following pastors were received into the Synod: S. Schick, Annapolis, Md., Arthur Newell, Richmond, Va., Theo. Essebaggers, New York, N. Y., Richard W. Jungfer, Jr., Newark, N. J., and John Heater, Columbia, Pa., the latter subject to his ordination.

#### Summary of Treasurer's Report

Total Receipts .....	\$1,515.42
Balance from last year .....	1,088.43
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Total .....	\$2,603.85
Total Expenditures .....	1,734.70
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Balance .....	\$ 869.15

#### Elections and Appointments

Moderator, Rev. E. J. F. Dettbarn; Vice-Moderator, Mr. W. S. Jones.

District Officers (Term, 2 years): President, Rev. L. C. F. Miller, Scranton, Pa.; Vice-President, Rev. H. M. Strub, Williamsport, Pa.;



Secretary, P. W. Meisenheimer, Taylor, Pa.; Treasurer, Mr. Adam Friedrich, South Orange, N. J.

District Council: The District Officers: Rev. Edw. Lautenschlaeger, Amsterdam, N. Y. (elected for 6 years); Mr. F. W. Mankey, Williamsport, Pa. (for 2 years); Mr. F. C. Heitkamp, Scotia, N. Y. (for 4 years).

District Finance Committee (term 2 years): Rev. H. M. Strub, Rev. Edw. Lautenschlaeger, Mr. H. W. Schultheis.

District Counselor (term 2 years): Mr. H. W. Schultheis.

General Council Members (for 2 years): Rev. F. C. Rueggeberg and Mr. H. W. Schultheis.

Home Mission Board: Rev. Harry Yaggi, Frostburg, Md. (elected for 2 years); Rev. Paul L. Schmidt, Baltimore, Md. (4 years); Rev. Wm. L. Moenkhaus, Scranton, Pa. (elected for 6 years); Mr. Wm. Kunz, Troy, N. Y. (elected for 2 years); Mr. John List, Baltimore, Md. (4 years); Mr. Fred E. Miller, Newark, N. Y. (elected for 6 years).

Foreign Mission Board: Rev. H. Manrodt, Newark, N. J. (4 years); Rev. E. T. Henzel, Albany, N. Y. (elected for 6 years); Mr. George Stroh, Baltimore, Md. (2 years).

Board of Examiners: Rev. W. E. Bourquin, Brooklyn, N. Y. (4 years); Rev. Titus Lehmann, Baltimore, Md. (elected for 2 years); Rev. G. Siegenthaler, Baltimore, Md. (elected for 6 years).

Board of Pensions: Rev. F. A. Giese, Baltimore, Md. (2 years); Rev. P. Briesemeister, Schenectady, N. Y. (elected for 6 years); Mr. Rudolph Fleck, Baltimore, Md. (4 years).

Board of Religious Education: Rev. E. J. Paetzold, Irvington, N. J. (4 years); Rev. B. W. Tannler, Garwood, N. J. (elected for 4 years); Rev. E. J. F. Dettbarn, Baltimore, Md. (2 years); Mr. Kurt Manrodt, Newark, N. J. (2 years); Prof. H. M. Geiss, Scranton, Pa. (4 years); Mrs. August Dietz, Richmond, Va. (elected for 6 years).

District Judiciary (term 2 years): Rev. P. Zeller, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. O. Guthe, Richmond, Va.; Rev. E. Fuhrmann, Sr., Newark, N. J.; Mr. H. Zimmermann, Baltimore, Md., and Mr. F. Yaggi, Baltimore, Md.

Insurance Inspector: Rev. R. W. Jungfer, Newark, N. J.

### Concluding Notes

The business of the Conference was transacted in four regular, one ministerial and one laymen's meeting.

*P. W. Meisenheimer, Secretary.*

Read and approved:

*Louis C. F. Miller*

President, Atlantic District.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**39th CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**CALIFORNIA DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**  
Held in  
**Immanuel Evangelical Church, Los Angeles, California**  
Rev. O. Satzinger, Pastor  
**May 13-16, 1935**

**Opening Service**

On Monday evening, May 13, 1935, the 39th Conference of the California District began its session with a service at Immanuel Evangelical Church in Los Angeles, Calif., Rev. O. Satzinger, pastor. The sermon was preached by Rev. O. F. Geisler of Pasadena based on the conference theme: "The greater task: a challenge to our membership." Rev. J. Nuesch served at the altar and both pastors administered the Lord's Supper. After the service Rev. O. Satzinger welcomed the conference expressing the confidence of mutual benefits and blessings, to which Rev. C. Saenger, President of the District, responded in fitting words.

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock the first session began with a Devotional conducted by Rev. A. F. Schroeder, after which Rev. C. Saenger officially declared the conference open for business.

**Moderator**

Rev. H. G. Gebhardt was elected Moderator and Mr. O. C. Carr Vice-Moderator.

The report of Committee No. 2 on Credentials and Excuses was then adopted by the conference.

**Conference Membership**

**Southern Region**

**PASTORS**

E. G. Albert	G. Tillmanns (Em.)
S. Albrecht	J. Irion (Em.)
P. Branke (Em.)	P. Tester (Em.)
H. R. Gebhardt	F. Walter (Em.)



J. Nuesch  
O. Satzinger  
T. Schulz

E. H. Stommel  
J. Ramser (Em.)

#### DELEGATES

Mr. Julius Irion, Hollywood, 1812 Westerly Ter., Los Angeles.  
Ch. Quast, St. Paul's, 834 E. 33rd St., Los Angeles.  
Mrs. E. H. Stommel, City Terrace, 1256 N. Hazard, Los Angeles.  
W. J. Libbert, Immanuels, Los Angeles.  
Mrs. C. Fuerst, St. John's, Los Angeles.  
H. A. Wutzler, Zion, 185 Claremont Ave., Long Beach.  
Mrs. M. Schepp, Pasadena.

#### Northern Region

##### PASTORS

A. Boether  
F. L. Dorn  
L. E. K. Hagen (Em.)  
J. Lebart  
C. Saenger  
F. Schlinkman  
B. E. Schalow

F. J. Schmuck  
A. F. Schroeder  
K. C. Struckmeier  
T. Tillmanns  
R. Heinze (Em.)  
E. H. Jagdstein (Em.)

Mr. Geo. Franke, Woodland.  
Petaluma (excused).

F. W. Schurmann, Bethel, 112 Clipper St., San Francisco.

P. Diehl, St. John's, San Francisco.

O. C. Carr, St. Mark's, Oakland.

A. Leonhard, St. Matthew's, Home for the Aged at San Rafael.  
San Bruno (excused).

The privilege of seat and vote was granted to the Rev. F. J. Schmuck of the Reformed group now serving as pastor of St. Matthew's Church in San Rafael, Cal.

The conference program was then accepted.

After considerable discussion of the function of the Resolution Committee it was voted that the various reports of the committees and their resolutions be acted upon at the time of presentation without first being referred to the Resolution Committee. Then followed the reading of the District President's report which was accepted with sincere thanks and given to Committee No. 3.

The following guests were introduced and given a hearty welcome: Dr. E. F. Evemeyer of Los Angeles; Dr. K. Suzuki of the West Hollywood Reformed Mission; Mr. Lohmann of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Los Angeles; Mrs. E. G. Albert of Pasadena; Mrs. M. Tillmanns and Mr. and Mrs. Zenke of Hollywood.

The following reports were submitted and turned over to the respective committees: Budget Secretary by Rev. H. R. Gebhardt, Pension and Relief by Rev. J. Nuesch, Christian Education by Rev. H. R. Gebhardt, Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association by Rev. C. Saenger, Judiciary by Rev. F. L. Dorn: "All is quiet on the Western Front," District treasurer by Mr. Ch. Quast.



An inspiring paper was read by Dr. H. V. Mather on "The Pulpit and the Pew." Dr. Mather is Associate Executive Secretary of the California Church Council. He emphasized the essential values in creating and developing Christian personalities in the common task of both groups. This inspiring paper was gratefully accepted, and a rising vote of thanks given to Dr. Mather.

Regarding representation in the California Church Council it was voted to delegate to the respective regions the privilege to make such appointments. The names of these representatives are to be sent to the new District Secretary who in turn should forward them to the proper state authority with the official sanction by this conference.

Excused from attendance and participation in the traveling expenses: Casa Grande, Ariz., pastor and delegate; San Bruno, Cal., delegate; Pomona, Cal., delegate. Excused from attendance only: Petaluma, delegate.

Resolved that all delegates who do not desire to partake of the meals served by the local congregation must give notice in writing to host before the conference convenes, in absence of such notice payment is required.

In the afternoon the contemplated visit of Rev. H. Streich to our District came up for discussion. It was pointed out that Brother Streich has visited the District at some previous time, and that the urgency of his visit at this time does not warrant the expenditure. The following resolution, therefore, was adopted and wired to President F. Klick:

"The California District Conference in session today by unanimous vote decided that the contemplated visit of Rev. H. Streich to this District and to the Golden West E. L. T. S. is inadvisable. The Conference wishes our new President much joy in his new work."

Greetings,

The California District,  
Carl Saenger, President.

After the hearing of the report on the Laymen's Retreat by Mr. Carr and Committee No. 1 on Synodical President's Report recess for the day followed.

### Wednesday, May 5, 1935

Rev. T. Schulz conducted the devotional based on 1 Thess. 5: 21, "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good." Eternal vigilance is the price of anything you wish to keep.

### Election Results

District President: Rev. Carl Saenger.  
Vice-President: Rev. H. G. Gebhardt.  
District Secretary: Rev. T. Tillmanns.  
District Treasurer: Mr. Charles Quast.  
District Council at Large: Mr. Julius Irion of Los Angeles.  
Home Mission Board: Mr. Geo. Franke of Wooland and Rev. F. L. Dorn.  
Pension Board—Mr. H. A. Wutzler of Long Beach.



## **Boards and Committees**

(Appointed by District Council)

Board of Christian Life: Rev. F. J. Schmuck, San Rafael; Rev. T. Tillmanns; Rev. T. Schulz.

Foreign Mission: Rev. O. Wichmann, Pomona; Rev. K. Struckmeier; Mr. F. Schurmann, Bethel, San Francisco.

Board of Christian Education: Rev. H. R. Gebhardt; Rev. B. E. Schalow; Mr. O. C. Carr, Oakland; Mr. G. Jenness, Woodland; Mrs. K. Burnham, City Terrace, Los Angeles.

Brotherhood: Rev. T. Tillmanns; Rev. E. H. Stommel; Mr. Ch. Quast, St. Paul's, Los Angeles; Mr. C. Schmidt, Bethel, San Francisco.

Women's Union: Rev. T. Schulz; Rev. F. J. Schmuck; Mrs. H. R. Gebhardt, Los Angeles; Mrs. H. Hagen, Oakland.

Board of Examiners: Rev. O. Satzinger; Rev. C. Saenger; Rev. J. Nuesch.

Commission on Evangelism: Rev. F. L. Dorn; Rev. P. Branke; Rev. B. E. Schalow; Mrs. A. J. Wilkins, St. John's, Los Angeles; Mrs. N. Germershausen, Woodland; Mr. H. Hagen, Oakland.

Budget Secretary: Rev. H. R. Gebhardt.

Promotional Committee: Rev. A. F. Schroeder, Oakland; Mrs. Andresen, Los Angeles; Mr. Geo. Jenness, Woodland.

Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance: Rev. C. Saenger.

Regional Conference Program: Rev. F. J. Schmuck, Northern; Rev. H. R. Gebhardt, Southern.

## **Traveling Expenses**

The Committee No. 4 on traveling expenses reported for the 26 delegates a total of \$194.59, an average per delegate of \$7.50.

## **The Merger of the Hollywood Evangelical and the West Hollywood Reformed**

Rev. A. F. Schroeder reporting on the merger contended that he was misinformed as to the conditions stating that the proposed merger of the two groups was practically impossible. The matter was referred to the Home Mission Board.

The Home Mission Board submitted the following resolution for approval by the conference:

"Realizing the very limited field existing in Hollywood the Mission Board of the California District hereby recommends to the Central Mission Board that the merger be affected at the earliest possible date between the Evangelical Church of Hollywood and the Reformed Church in West Hollywood."

This motion for approval was defeated by the Conference.

Rev. F. J. Schmuck then presented a resolution which was adopted. The resolution: "Resolved that

1. The whole situation of the Hollywood (Evangelical) and West Hollywood (Reformed) congregations shall be investigated from the



standpoint of future possibilities, location, physical equipment and present membership;

2. That said investigation be made by the resident pastor, the chairman of the District Home Mission Board or his authorized agent, the Superintendent of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church, together with the Comity Commission of the Church Federation;

3. That the findings of this Committee be reported within three months from date to the District Home Mission Board for final decision."

In the afternoon the meeting of the Benevolent Association took place and committee reports were received on Women's Union, Brotherhood, Promotional Work in the Council, Christianity and Social Problems, Foreign Mission and Religious Education.

### **Thursday, May 16, 1935**

At 9 A. M. the conference reconvened with a Memorial Service led by Rev. F. L. Dorn. His address was based on Rev. 21: 4—"And death shall be no more." He emphasized the fact that death is manifested ever since Adam, which no philosophy of past or present, no Spencer and no Fichte has succeeded to overcome. The one "Sweetwood tree" is the cross of Jesus. Death died with the words from the cross: Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

Dr. Evemeyer brought greetings from the Reformed Brethren expressing his appreciation in the prospect of being able to work with us as one church body in the future. Moderator Gebhardt responded with fitting words.

### **Field Reports**

Each congregation was given an opportunity to present its particular problem and outlook for development and greater service, which reports proved highly interesting and offered a fair picture of the work done in the California District.

At 2:30 P. M. the minutes of the conference were read and approved and after the installation of the newly elected officers by Rev. O. Wichmann adjournment took place.

The 1936 Conference will be held in Woodland, Calif.

## **Summaries of Reports and Resolutions**

### **District President's Report**

Dear Brethren and Delegates:

The conference theme this year is: "The Greater Task: A Challenge to Our Membership"; and the conference motto: "Every Member Kingdom-Minded." In line with this theme and motto I have chosen Paul's words to the Ephesians 4: 13 as the key word for our brief meditation: "Till we should all attain the unity of the faith and knowledge of God's Son, reaching maturity, reaching the full measure of development which belong to the fulness of Christ." (Dr. Moffatt.)



#### STATUS OF DISTRICT

The District still numbers only 17 congregations of which 8 are charges of the Home Mission Board. Seventeen pastors are in the active ministry; ten are on the retired list and one is without a charge at this time. A total of 28 pastors. One of our retired pastors passed away shortly before our last conference, but I was not apprised of this fact until after the conference. I am thinking of Rev. W. Pieper of Modesto who went to his reward on May 1, 1934.

During the conference year the following *changes* took place in our District.

Rev. G. Tillmanns, the senior active pastor in this district, retired on the 1st of August after having served in the Lord's vineyard for 55 years. He made his home with his daughter in Colton, Cal.

The Central Home Mission Board called Rev. Francis J. Schmuck to fill the vacancy caused by Brother Tillmann's retirement. Rev. Schmuck had been pastor of Trinity Reformed Church in West Hollywood. He was installed by Rev. B. E. Schalow on the 5th of August.

Rev. O. Geisler was transferred from the Colorado District to take charge of St. John's Congregation in Pasadena. He arrived at the end of September.

Rev. Alfred Schroeder was transferred from the Kansas District to serve the Evangelical Church of Hollywood and Trinity Reformed Church of West Hollywood. He landed in Hollywood about Oct. 1. Rev. J. Nuesch, with the assistance of several of our pastors, installed both of these brethren: Rev. O. Geisler on the 18th of November and Rev. Schroeder on the 25th. We bid both of these men and Rev. F. J. Schmuck as well, a hearty welcome in our midst. May their labors in our District not be in vain.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

On the 8th day of September, 1934, the property of the St. John Church of Woodland was destroyed by fire—the church and parsonage completely, the Sunday school hall, a comparatively new building, so badly damaged that it would have cost almost as much to rebuild same as to build a new one. This fire meant a very hard loss to our Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association in which we had all of our property insured. The insurance which we received made it possible for the congregation to plan a new church, parsonage and Sunday school hall. All conference members shall be given an opportunity to see these new buildings with their own eyes, for St. John's Congregation cordially invites the 1936 District Conference to meet in its midst. What at the time seemed a great calamity, has, by the grace of God, turned out to be a great blessing. I know the whole District will rejoice with St. John on the day of dedication of its beautiful church.

*San Bruno* redecorated the interior of its little church and remodeled the spire. We are glad for this struggling mission congregation and its energetic pastor and congratulate them on these improvements.



*St. Matthews, San Rafael*, has added two rooms to the parsonage at a very reasonable cost. This made it possible for the pastor to continue living in the parsonage, thus saving the Home Mission Board rental in the future and increasing the value of the property.

Several weeks ago fire broke out in one of the rooms of the large building on the property of the *Evangelical Home for the Aged* at San Rafael. Luckily the superintendent could extinguish the flame before it spread to other parts of the building.

A fire of another nature was started in *St. Mark's Oakland*. This congregation had the pleasure of burning a note of \$5,000 on the 17th of February of this year. Congratulations!

#### REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Both Regional Conferences met last fall—the Northern Region on Oct. 16 in Bethel, San Francisco; the Southern Region on Oct. 23 and 24 in Immanuel's Church, Los Angeles. It was my privilege to attend both of these conferences, and I am convinced they proved a blessing to all who attended and to our congregations as well. No resolutions were sent to me to be submitted to the district.

*The District Council* met twice to transact the necessary business. At our last meeting it was decided to pay the amount we owe the Contingent Fund out of our district treasury. So far I have not been able to order payment because our treasury had not sufficient funds. Quite a number of our congregations did not pay their district budget last year. I sincerely hope that all arrears will be paid up.

This brings us to the *Synodical Budget*.

I am happy to say that our District paid into the synodical treasury the amount of \$3,229.07 or 104%. This, however, does not say that all congregations paid over 100%. Only eight paid 100% or more. One reason for our good showing is that \$142.50 paid by Woodland for 1933 was credited for 1934. In designations we paid \$362.25. This year our budget is \$200.00 higher—not because of our willingness to pay, but because of the number of paying members reported by our District. The budget apportionment to our local congregations this year was made on the basis of paying members—a fairer basis than communicant membership.

*Camp Rose School* again had a very successful session. We had 24 full-time and 7 part-time students. In all we had over 50 on the campus. The usual number of courses was offered—five. In the main our program followed that of previous years. Financially we made out very well. A balance of over \$100 could be turned over to the general treasury for current expenses. This year we shall have mostly outside instructors: Rev. C. Hoffman of Portland; Rev. H. L. Streich and his son Paul of St. Louis. Also a Y. M. C. A. worker from San Francisco.

Rev. Streich is coming to our District as the representative of the Brotherhood and Women's Union work. He will be in our District



from the end of June until the 28th or 29th of July spending about two weeks in each region. I am sure our District will bid him a hearty welcome and seek to profit greatly from his visit.

#### SYNODICAL REPRESENTATIVE

I am sorry to report that our conference will not have a synodical representative in its midst this year. In a recent letter to me Rev. F. C. Klick, the President, states his reasons: the expense involved; Rev. Streich's visit; that a district conference must be held in 1936 and he feels that it is more important to have a synodical representative then than now. He closes: "Do not feel that we consider your conference of less important than the others. If I considered my own feelings in the matter, I should decide to be with you, but looking at it from every angle, I believe I must decide as mentioned above. This, too, is the opinion of our Board and others here at the Synod House.

We wish you a most blessed conference and the Spirit's guidance in all your deliberations."

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Several years ago our Evangelical church in Hollywood was received as a member of the Synod on condition that it effect its incorporation. This spring I finally learned that the incorporation papers are in order. I, therefore, gave order to Rev. H. R. Gebhardt to arrange a service in which this congregation could officially be received into membership. Bro. Schroeder informs me that Rev. Branke received the congregation into membership on Sunday, May the 5th.

Rev. Alberswerth of St. Louis sent me a letter recently pertaining to Christianity and Social problems. I shall give this letter to the committee which is to report on this matter. Rev. Klick, President, also.

I deem it a great privilege to have been able to attend the last general conference of our beloved Evangelical Synod and the first conference of the merged Church. The conference took place on June 26th and 27th, 1934, at Cleveland, O. The other delegates of our district, I know, will agree with me when I say: They were inspiring and uplifting days. History was made there.

#### OUR CONFERENCE HOST

Early this year Rev. O. Satzinger wrote me in regard to our district conference stating that he would like to entertain the same if St. John, Woodland, was not prepared to invite. As we feared we could not get our buildings ready in time for the conference, I was very glad for this invitation and wrote Brother Satzinger that the district council, no doubt, would gladly and gratefully accept their invitation. So we are gathered here for our 39th district conference. A hearty vote of thanks is due this congregation, its pastor and his family.

In closing I wish to thank all the members of this conference for the confidence you have placed in me these four years. It has been a great pleasure and honor to me to serve my District in the capacity



of president. I realize my shortcomings and pray for forgiveness wherever I have failed in my duty.

My thanks also to the members of the Council and the Boards for their loyal support. May God richly bless this conference and continue His blessings upon our District and our Church.

The "R" group of the united Church elected Rev. Kowta of San Francisco as fraternal delegate to our conference thinking that our conference would be in the northern part of our State. Rev. Kowta has asked someone else to represent him.

The California State Church Federation through Rev. Gebhardt asked for a place on the program. This request was granted them by Rev. Gebhardt. I am sure the conference willingly will give their representative the few minutes asked for.

The fire in Woodland consumed some of the district's property, such as the seal, some of the records, and the copy of the minutes in my possession.

As I was unable to find the statistics of last year I cannot definitely say whether our district has made progress in the last year or not. To judge from statements which have come to me I take it that several congregations have been able to receive new members. In other respects, also, it seems progress is to be noted.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carl Saenger.*

#### **Report of the Home Mission Board**

Dear Brethren:

The Board of Home Missions of our California District submits to you the following report covering the Conference years, 1933 and 1934.

At the beginning of our Conference years we had 7 mission fields; since then one, Pasadena, has been added.

We welcome today, as new members the Reverends Francis Schmuck, Theodore Schulz, F. Schroeder and O. Geisler.

Rev. Gustave Tillmanns, who for many years was pastor at San Rafael, retired from the active ministry. We wish him God's richest blessings.

Our Mission workers have sent in clear, thorough, and to our judgment, well balanced reports for which fact we herewith express to them our sincere gratitude.

Our work is making progress and we commend all Mission workers for faithful work done.

To convey to this Conference a clear vision of the present standing and condition of the individual field, we shall now give a detailed report . . . .

*Pasadena.*—Rev. Albert resigned this church due to illness. This church being unable to be longer self-supporting, came in for Mission support. We were happy to secure the services of the Rev. O. Geisler—he has taken hold of the work in a splendid way and reports fine prog-



ress; though the work is slow, the future is bright. We have at Pasadena a membership of 54 and a Sunday school of 25. The field is being supported with \$92.50 per month, besides the \$600 the congregation raises per annum. Has parsonage.

*Casa Grande, Arizona.*—The work at Casa Grande is very slow, and not in keeping with the expenses involved. Rev. Albrecht, therefore, volunteered to do this work for \$40 per month. Casa Grande remains a strategic point for further work in Arizona—we should hold what we have and look forward toward better days. We have a membership of 16 and a Sunday school of 24. The field is being supported with \$40 per month.

*Long Beach, Calif.*—We commend the untiring effort of Rev. Theodor Schulz in behalf of this field. Though discouraged, he has worked faithfully and is beginning to see results. The future for Long Beach is by no means bright—the city seems to be well churchied. However, we should continue this work for there should be a place for an Evangelical and Reformed Church. Due to the generosity of Zion Evangelical Church, Indianapolis, and the Central Mission Board, this church was able to reduce its indebtedness to \$16,360.43. Membership 54, Sunday school 91; the field is being supported with \$76.50 per month.

*San Bruno, California.*—San Bruno has revived to a great extent. Under the able leadership of Rev. Theo. Tillmanns—The Church property has been completely remodeled and we have now the outstanding church property in San Bruno. He has gathered loyal Evangelical people and organized them on a solid Evangelical basis. There are now 20 paying members, and a Sunday school of 30. This little group raised over \$1200 per year, which speaks well for the loyalty and sacrificial spirit of the people. It is our judgment that this field will have to be supported for many years to come, but in the end the result will outweigh the expenses. San Bruno contributes \$20.00 per month towards the Pastor's salary; the Central Board supports this field with \$105.00 per month. Has parsonage.

*San Rafael, California.*—Rev. Schmuck is doing fine work at San Rafael. The results of which should be noticeable in the years to come. The San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge should benefit this territory. This field is also far from becoming self-supporting. It is my opinion that the San Rafael Old People's Home and the Church should be taken care of by one man. In this way our Board would save money and the Pastor would be kept busy. San Rafael has a membership of 65 and a Sunday school of 18. The field is being supported with \$82.50 per month. Has parsonage.

*Hollywood, Calif.*—We had hoped that this church would unite with the Reformed Church of Hollywood and thus form a strong congregation; apparently these plans are far from maturing. Rev. Schroeder has taken hold of this work in a splendid way and is to be commended for his service. Rev. Schroeder will report on the possibility of uniting these two churches. If there should be a field for both churches,



we recommend that both fields be worked to the very limit and a pastor be called for the work at Hollywood. Membership 28; Sunday school over 30. This field is being supported with \$58.20.

*City Terrace, Calif.*—The work at City Terrace seems to be progressing at a satisfactory rate. The pastor now devotes his full time to this field and reports a splendid increase in the Sunday school. The outlook for this field is bright. Membership 54; Sunday school 88. The field is being supported with \$82.50 per month. Has parsonage.

*St. John's, Los Angeles, Calif.*—Rev. Gebhardt has worked faithfully in this field, but the depression seems to be undermining the work. The outlook for this Congregation is darker than for many years. We commend the people and the pastor for the fine spirit and loyalty. It would be splendid if some financial help could be found for this church. Membership 158; Sunday school 137. This field is being supported with \$79.80 per month.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. B. E. Schalow, chairman.

### Report of the District Budget Secretary

REV. H. R. GEBHARDT, REPORTING

The report submitted to the special conference last May showed that our District raised \$3079.10 or 96.22% of its budget for the year 1933. That placed it at the top of the list of Districts in the entire Synod. Thus for the fourth consecutive time our District headed the list.

Again we have oversubscribed our budget this year for the second time in the history of our District. It proves the wisdom of our decision at the last conference, namely, to assist in the Synodical Recovery plan by endeavoring to pay our budget 100% and more. The statistic for the year 1934 follows:

Place - Church	Quota	Budget	Designations	%
Dixon—Evang. Lutheran .....	\$ 40.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 5.00	77.5
Hollywood—Evang. ....	62.00	73.30	—	118.22
Long Beach—Zion Mission .....	112.00	93.00	—	84
Los Angeles—Immanuel .....	180.00	180.00	24.00	100
Los Angeles—St. John .....	300.00	300.00	25.00	100
Los Angeles—St. Paul .....	375.00	378.00	64.00	100.8
Los Angeles—City Terrace .....	86.00	69.61	—	80.94
Oakland—St. Mark's .....	212.00	212.00	6.00	100
Pasadena—St. John .....	108.00	21.00	3.00	19.4
Petaluma—Grace .....	354.00	228.46	138.64	64.5
Pomona—St. John .....	54.00	14.00	—	30
San Bruno—St. John .....	30.00	30.00	—	100
San Francisco—Bethel .....	585.00	435.00	2.00	75
San Francisco—St. John .....	315.00	250.00	—	79
San Rafael—St. Matthew .....	112.00	83.00	5.00	76
Woodland—St. John .....	570.00	712.50	13.00	125



<i>Place - Church</i>	<i>Quota</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Designations</i>	<i>%</i>
Casa Grande, Ariz. ....	25.00	25.00	6.56	100
Special .....	—	55.50	70.05	—
Hollywood, Evang. ....	—	25.00	—	—

\$3216.37

Eight of our churches paid their quota 100% and more; six paid 75% and more; one paid more than 50% and only two fell below the half way mark. Our Budget for 1934 was \$3100 and our payments amounted to \$3216.37 giving our District a percentage of 103 plus. Only two other Districts—Montana and Canada succeeded in reaching the 100% mark.

These figures show what can be done if we but have a will to do it. We look forward into the current year with the hope that this year all of our congregations may succeed in paying their quota in full.

Respectfully submitted,

*H. Robert Gebhardt.*

#### Report of the Board of Pension and Relief

The pension for the current year was granted on the same basis as last year, but owing to insufficient funds the relief was cut 20%. Eleven Pastors and Pastor's widows received Pension and ten were granted relief in addition to their Pension. \$4443.30 was paid out for Pension and \$714.40 for additional relief, making a grand total of \$5157.70.

Respectfully submitted,

*Otto Satzinger, Chairman.*

#### Annual Report of Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association

Policies in force on May 1st, 1935:

##### A policies:

1929— 2 .....	\$5000.00;	1930— 6 .....	\$25,260.00
1931— 7 .....	30,350.00;	1932—11 .....	47,200.00
1933—15 .....	63,450.00;	1934— 3 .....	7,500.00
			\$178,760.00

##### B policies:

1929—1 ....	\$ 950.00;	1930—2 ....	2,400.00;	1931—2 ...	\$3330.00;
1932—4 ....	6,385.00;	1933—2 ....	3,000.00;	1934—1 ...	500.00;
					A total of \$16,565.00

##### AC policies:

1934—6 .....	\$29,875.00;	1935—2 .....	\$17,300.00—\$47,175.00
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##### AD policies:

1934—6 .....	\$24,400.00;	1935—2 .....	\$ 5,700.00—\$30,100.00
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##### B policy:

1935—1 .....	\$700.00.
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A grand total of .....\$273,300.00

Paid in assessments: \$607.10; Paid out in losses: \$18,201.84.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) *Carl Saenger.*



### Board of Christian Education

During 1933 there were 16 Young People's groups in our churches with a total membership of 321. In our 16 Church Schools we had 95 classes with an enrollment of 1,056 and 120 teachers and officers. Our D.V.B.S. had an enrollment of 76. We have reason to believe that these figures have not changed materially during 1934.

Respectfully submitted,

*H. R. Gebhardt*, Chairman.

### Brotherhood Report

The membership of the 6 Brotherhoods reporting is 119. We do not feel discouraged because of the small number of Men's organizations. Small numbers never discourage us in California, nor do they give rise to any particular elation. The small number of men are either already enlisted in active church work, such as Sunday School work or Church Council, or else they show no sign of encouragement for efficient leadership.

The most outstanding and the largest Brotherhood is that of St. Mark's, Oakland. They have come to the fore with fine worthwhile programs and belong to the Brotherhood Federation. It has a membership of 35. They meet in the homes of members, carry out our national Federation program, take in new members and have some outstanding speaker who brings a timely topic, which is being discussed. It frequently contributes to the membership of the church, and is now organizing a group to take charge of the services in absence of the Pastor. A Recreation Committee arranges for bowling and other interesting sports for men. This organization and others who carry out an interesting program are to be commended for their interest and progress in Kingdom work.

Respectfully submitted,

*Theo. Tillmanns*.

### California District Treasurer's Report

*Mr. Charles Quast*

Receipts for 1934 and up to May 13, 1935 .....	\$599.44
Disbursements up to May 14, 1935 .....	352.22
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Balance on hand, May 14, 1935 .....	247.22

### Southern Region

The chairman of the Southern Regional conference reported participation in activities of the California Church Council. The names of delegates to this body are: Revs. Gebhardt, Schroeder and Schulz, Mr. O. M. Smith and Mrs. Louise Seaman.

*Rev. T. Schulz*, chairman.

### Resolutions Presented and Adopted

#### Synodical President's Report

1. The California District endorses the sentiment expressed in President F. C. Klick's report, based on Acts 20: 28—that we examine



ourselves and become clear in our own mind where we stand, what we have accomplished and where we have failed.

2. We realize as a District, that, if we are conformed to the world as a Church and if we use worldly methods to build the Church, we lose the respect among those on the outside. We, therefore, make it mandatory to every congregation of our District not to use wordly methods to build their church.

3. As a District we dare not lose sight of the fact that it is the business of the Church, first of all to preach Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who has purchased, redeemed and delivered us with His own blood. We can not feed the souls and we are not real shepherds of our flocks if we are not faithful in this matter. It is furthermore the business of the Church to speak out clearly against the many sins of our days.

4. The California District expresses its gratitude to the Rev. Paul Press for his splendid service as President of the Synod. We also pray for God's blessing for Rev. F. C. Klick, our new President and we promise to support him to the best of our ability.

5. As God has called 21 pastors, one commissioned worker and 23 Pastors' wives, widows and teachers' widows to their reward we express our sentiment through the word of the Holy Scripture "Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Rev. 14: 13.

#### **Commission on Christianity and Social Problems**

1. The California District agrees in general with the opinion of the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems as to the religious, economic and social conditions existing in our country.

2. The California District favors the establishment of a "Board of Christian Life".

3. The California District recommends the functions which the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems suggests for the Board of Christian Life.

4. The California District hopes that the Evangelical and Reformed Church will be able to appropriate such funds as are necessary to adequately carry on such work.

#### **Extension Fund Board**

The California District commends the Extension Fund Board for the efficient manner in which it handled very wisely and conservatively its investments, allotting practically all its available funds to those churches who are in distress. We encourage the close cooperation of the Home Mission Board with the Extension Fund Board.

#### **Board of Endowment**

The California District commends the Board of Endowment and Trust Fund at this time, when the full pressure of the present economic crisis is felt, for the excellent way in which it has carried on its work. We rejoice that the Board has not sustained any actual loss of funds,



and they are to be commended for the excellent judgment they have used in administering the affairs of the Board.

#### **District President's Report**

1. The California District concurs with its President that our congregations must not merely increase in numbers but grow spiritually.

2. To the Rev. G. Tillmanns who has retired from the active ministry after 55 years of faithful service, the California District extends its best wishes for a well deserved rest and prays God's richest blessings to rest upon him.

3. The California District wishes the Revs. Schmuck, Schroeder and Geisler every success in their new field of labor.

4. While the California District deplores the extremely heavy loss that was sustained by the Woodland congregation, it rejoices that by the Grace of God and renewed faith and efforts of the congregation they will dedicate their new church, Bible School Hall and parsonage on Sunday, June 2nd, 1935.

5. The California District rejoices with the San Bruno congregation in the remodelling and renovating program just completed; St. Matthew's of San Rafael on the addition of two rooms to the parsonage and St. Mark's of Oakland on its debt reduction of \$1500.00 and the installation of the Reichold Lighting system; also Zion's of Long Beach on its debt reduction.

6. The California District is proud of the fact that its budget was raised 104% and does hereby approve the local budget apportionment on the basis of paying members rather than communicant members.

7. The California wishes to thank sincerely the Rev. O. Satzinger and his congregation for their willingness to entertain the conference.

8. The California District recommends that due to the loss of certain records, the corporation seal, office equipment, etc., in the fire at Woodland, the President be authorized to replace such equipments as are necessary to carry on his work.

9. The California District recognizes the vast amount of time and effort put into the District work by President Saenger and wishes to express to him our sincere thanks for his untiring efforts.

10. The California District accepts the invitation of the Woodland congregation to hold the 1936 conference in their church.

#### **Central Board of Home Missions**

The California District rejoices in the fact that there are still 100 earnest faithful Home Missionaries who untiringly labor in the vineyard of our Lord and Master. At eventide their reward will be great.

The executive Board, as well as our District Board for Home Missions especially earns the hearty commendation and co-operation of our District.

#### **District Home Missions**

We welcome in the mission work of our District the Revs. F.



Schmuck, A. Schroeder, T. Schulz and G. Geisler and express our appreciation for the efficient work all our missionaries have done in their respective fields during the Synodical year.

#### **Pension and Relief**

The California District is grateful to our God that despite adverse conditions prevailing in our social economic life, our pensioners could be awarded their pension during the past Synodical year.

We sincerely hope that in the ensuing year the Eden Publishing House will be enabled to meet its obligation towards the Fund.

We most heartily thank the Pension Board for its unselfish and efficient work during the past Synodical year.

#### **Federation of Evangelical Charities**

The California District commends most heartily the 24 institutions of charity of our Synod to our constituency, but also reminds our congregations of the adage that charity begins at home.

#### **Eden Theological Seminary**

We rejoice over the fact that the uniting of the Central Seminary of the Reformed Church with our Eden Seminary has proved such a happy experience.

We heartily approve the phase of the curriculum known as field work.

#### **Elmhurst College**

The California District congratulates the Board of Trustees of the College on the accreditation and as a District will do all it can, by encouragement, gifts and prayer to help maintain the standards the Board has set.

The parents of our churches should consider our own Christian denominational institutions of learning when their children's education is under consideration, so that the religious element of education shall find its rightful emphasis in their lives.

#### **Women's Union**

The California District recommends that all societies promote family devotion, that the Day of Prayer for Missions be observed in some manner in all our societies and that they participate in the "Church Paper Week" October 20-27.

#### **Religious Education**

Resolved that our churches, Sunday schools and various auxiliary societies make greater use of the Church's agencies and facilities for visual education and that more liberal use be made of the Service Library which has been especially built up to serve Church School workers.

#### **Board of Publication**

It seems from the report that the close proximity of the Chicago Branch to the main Publishing House, the exceptionally large loss in this branch, would indicate that the branch office in these days of fast transportation and business efficiency is so expensive that it should be



considered superfluous. We note, on the contrary, the gratifying decision to merge the three denominational church papers into one, under the title of "The Messenger" to be issued in October. Your Committee urges upon the churches and all members the constant support of the church business House in preference over others even when such support consumes more time and entails some inconveniences.

#### **Foreign Mission**

The California District gladly acknowledges that the members of the District have through the Synodical budget contributed \$1000.00 to the cause of foreign Missions, a matter of one dollar per member, and that many Women's organizations have made special gifts to various fields.

We deem it a privilege to be identified with the splendid and far-reaching missionary work done and carried on by the Reformed Church with whom our own Synod has merged.

We appreciate the encouragement and the challenge afforded by reports from almost all mission fields that the hearts of men and women are open wider than ever before to the Christian Gospel in spite of adverse economic and social conditions throughout the world — particularly as this eagerness is apparent among the Mohammedans and Jews.

#### **Family Worship**

We recommend that the District institute arrangements whereby the importance and desirability of the Family Altar be urged upon each family in the District and whereby assistance be offered them in the institution of family worship.

#### **Young People's League**

We recommend that, whereas the Y. P. L. of today will become the back-bone of the congregations of tomorrow, and, as the boys and girls of that age are getting altogether too much anti-christian teachings in the Public School of today, we as a Church are responsible for these young souls, which are tempted to follow the pathway of least resistance unless we as a churchbody resist. We therefore lay all possible stress on gathering and organizing into societies all young people within our reach for the purpose of instilling and cultivating in their hearts Love of Christ as their personal Saviour.

#### **General Resolutions**

The 39th Conference of the California District deeply appreciates the cordial hospitality extended by Immanuel Evangelical Church and the Pastor, Rev. O. Satzinger and his family.

The conference extends its thanks to Rev. C. Saenger for his able and willing services as President of the District.

The conference extends its thanks to Rev. B. J. Koehler for his faithful service as Secretary of the District for the past six years, regrets his transfer from our District to the Southern Illinois District and wishes him and his family Godspeed and happiness in his new field of service.



Resolved, that the District Council be given authority to gather information regarding the usual conference traveling expenses and to prorate these expenses among the churches of the District according to paying membership of the churches. This is to be added to the District budget as a part of the budget and collected before the District conference. Unless this District budget is paid in advance the pastor and the delegate shall not share in the traveling expenses until such budget be paid.

Respectfully submitted:

*Theodore Tillmanns*, District Secretary.

Approved by

*Carl Saenger*, District President.

*H. Robert Gebhardt*, Moderator.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**30th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**COLORADO DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**  
Held in  
**Zion Evangelical Church**  
Rev. Hy. Baumgaertel, Pastor  
**Windsor, Colorado**  
**April 25-28, 1935**

**List of Pastors**

Hy. Baumgaertel	J. Roth
D. Buchmueller	M. Schoenhaar
Wm. J. Cramm	G. A. Schmidt
A. C. Kroehler	R. Schroedel
J. F. Krueger	Wm. Schumann
Walter Press	Robert J. Young
G. T. Zucher	

**List of Congregations and Delegates**

Antlers, Immanuel—  
Denver, Friedens—Jacob Kern  
Denver, Pioneer—S. G. Becker  
Denver, St. Paul—Mrs. Oliver Rahm  
Ft. Collins, Immanuel—Jacob Pitsch  
Ft. Morgan, Immanuel—Alex. Stark  
Grand Junction, St. John—  
Greeley, St. John—Jacob Walter  
Idalia, St. John—Leonhard Schmutte  
Montrose, St. John—Wm. Krill  
Windsor, Zion—Jacob Altergott  
Laramie, Wyo., St. Paul—  
Lingle, Wyo., St. Paul—  
Wheatland, Wyo., Bethlehem—

The conference opened on Thursday, April 25, at 7 P. M., with a communion service in which the President of our Synod, Rev. F. C. Klick, preached in the German language on John 21: 16. At the close



of the service the pastor of Zion Church, Rev. Hy. Baumgaertel, welcomed the Conference.

The first business session of the Conference was held on Friday morning, preceded by devotions led by Rev. Hy. Kauerz on the basis of Ps. 91. The President of the District, Rev. Hy. Baumgaertel, was unanimously chosen as moderator and Rev. A. C. Kroehler as secretary pro tem., as our secretary, Rev. G. T. Zucher, was unable to be here on time.

The President of our Synod, the Rev. F. C. Klick, acted as synodical representative, and at this time addressed the Conference.

It was voted to reconsider the resolution of last year's Conference in regard to the official language of the Conference, and decided to continue with the German language, but to have the transactions published in the English language.

Then followed the report of the District President and that of the District Board for Home Missions, read by the President, Rev. Hy. Baumgaertel.

Rev. M. Schoenhaar was appointed as member of the Board of Examiners.

Noon recess, 12 to 1 o'clock.

Conference committee work, 1 to 2 o'clock.

Second business session opened with devotion led by Rev. R. Schroedel.

The Committee on Credentials reported that up to this time eight delegates had come. These were granted a seat and vote in the meetings. There were ten pastors present from our District.

Rev. Zucher now read the report of the District Budget Secretary, also that of the District Treasurer, Mr. Alex. Oblander, who was unable to be present.

From 2:45 to 3:15 separate meetings of pastors and delegates were held.

It was moved by the Ministerial group and voted by the Conference that Rev. Reinhard M. Schroedel be received as member of the Synod.

A very fine paper was read by Rev. G. T. Zucher on the subject: "Confirmation, Its History, Its Blessings, and Its Problems." The Conference expressed its gratitude for the paper and entered into a lively discussion concerning its contents.

The first day of business was brought to a close with a memorial address for the members of our Synod who have fallen asleep, by our Senior Pastor, Rev. G. A. Schmidt. His thoughts were based on the words: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

At the evening services Rev. M. Schoenhaar spoke in the German language on Acts 9: 5, 6. His topic was "Home Missions." Rev. A. C. Kroehler followed with an address in the English language on "Foreign Missions," based on Romans 15: 20, 21.

The second day of the Conference was opened with a devotion by Rev. Wm. Schumann, based on the 23rd Psalm.



The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Election of officers followed. Rev. M. Schoenhaar was elected as President of our District; Rev. D. Buchmueller, Vice-President; Rev. A. C. Kroehler, Secretary; Mr. Alex. Oblander, Treasurer; Mr. J. Aab, Rev. Wm. Cramm, and Rev. J. F. Krueger, members of the District Home Mission Board; Mr. J. Pitsch and Rev. Wm. Schumann, members of the District Council.

## **Resolutions**

### **Synodical President**

1. The Colorado District finds itself in agreement with President Klick concerning the need for examining ourselves, that we may know what we have accomplished and wherein we have failed, but it believes the prevailing note of defeat among so many Christian leaders has been vastly overemphasized, and is not convinced that the church has lost the respect of the world.

2. The Colorado District believes that there is a growing conviction among churchmen that it is the church's business to preach Christ, and that a very large majority of pastors are taking a decided stand against social injustice and racial inequality, as well as against all disregard of human and divine law among rich and poor alike.

3. The District regrets the resignation of Rev. Paul Press as President of the Synod and wishes him God's choicest blessings.

4. The Colorado District welcomes the new President, the Rev. F. C. Klick, appreciates the sacrifice he has made in leaving his church, in which he was honored and beloved, wishes him success in the difficult work he has undertaken to do, and pledges him its wholehearted support in his plans for the future.

5. While the Colorado District fully appreciates the services of the promotional officials of the church, it suggests that the whole work of promotion be placed in the hands of a new committee of seven men, carefully chosen from various walks of life and whose business it will be to restudy the whole unfortunate situation that has developed in regard to synodical finances and undertake an entirely new leadership.

6. The District appreciates the services of the executive secretaries of the administrative board, and believes the Board of Directors might well be guided largely by their suggestions and recommendations, as they are in closer touch with existing conditions than anyone else.

7. The District cannot see how the calling of District Conferences can be avoided for the year 1936, as it is of the opinion that the thorough discussion of the new constitution, to be submitted next year, is an inescapable prerequisite of the successful working of the whole plan of the union.

### **Synodical Treasurer**

1. The Colorado District thanks the Treasurer of the Synod, Mr. F. Keck, for his comprehensive report and for his careful and conscientious discharge of his duties.



2. We recommend this report to our congregations for careful study.

3. The district extends its thanks to all who have loaned monies to the Synod either directly or in the form of annuities.

#### **Central Board for Home Missions**

1. We agree with the Central Board for Home Missions that with changing methods\* which need to be employed, the purpose of our work must remain unchanged.

2. It gives us joy to note that four congregations have become self-sustaining, and we trust that this example will spur other mission churches to reach the same goal.

3. We recommend that our churches acquaint themselves with the mission work of the Reformed branch of our church.

4. We gratefully acknowledge the liberal contribution which the Women's Union made to the work of Home Missions.

5. We approve the plans of the Central Board to unite smaller churches or to combine them in parishes.

#### **Foreign Missions**

The Colorado District takes cognizance of the favorable development of our mission fields in India and Honduras and reminds its pastors and congregations of their duties toward this cause.

#### **Evangelical League**

We hope that the National Youth Convention in 1936 can be held as a joint meeting with the young people of the Reformed group.

#### **Extension Fund**

We are thankful toward our Church Extension Board for the support which they have given to individual churches through loans. We urge churches of our District to make every effort to pay off their indebtedness.

#### **Charities**

The Colorado District expresses its appreciation of the good work done by our charitable institutions, and wishes them God's richest blessings for their further ministry of mercy.

#### **Endowments and Trust Funds**

The Colorado District expresses its gratitude to the board members for their faithful services as stewards of the funds entrusted to them, and is glad that they have been able to do their work so well in these most difficult times.

#### **Elmhurst College**

1. The Colorado District is glad that Elmhurst College has become a member of the North Central Association of Colleges which speaks for the high standard of the school.



2. The District urges all churches to give their full support to Elmhurst College for we need schools which put the emphasis on character development and Christian education.

#### **Women's Union**

1. The Colorado District holds to its resolution of last year to leave it to our District Officers to try to start a District Federation, and believes that our officers will know when the time has come to do so.

2. The Colorado District recommends to its ministers and Ladies' Aid Presidents to use as much as possible of the material furnished by our Synod for the Evangelical Women's Union, and especially all that will increase the interest for our Synodical work, e. g., the monthly programs, "Our Work," and "Fliegende Missionsblaetter."

#### **Religious Education**

The Colorado District asks its District Council to make plans in the near future for a few days of some kind of Bible Institute, or E. L. T. S., or S. S. Institute, or Y. P. Convention to bring our young people to a fuller understanding of the Bible and the Christian Life and to make them better fitted to help in our church work.

#### **Social Problems**

The Colorado District agrees with the Secretary of the Commission on Social Problems that it is most of all our brutal selfishness which is the main cause of all our Social Problems, and that it is only the grace of God that He has patience with us even until now. We as a small District are well aware that all we can do is to surrender our own selfish will and way to God and, as a part of our Synod, seek more earnestly to do the will of God personally and in our church work.

#### **Mutual Fire Insurance**

We, the Colorado District, thank God for the splendid Mutual Fire and Storm Association we have, and that this association was able to pay for losses in the sum of \$52,000.00 last year and still is in a sound financial condition. It is a privilege to have such an association and a success which God has given that this association could accomplish its new policy form with a better contract and a wider coverage.

#### **Report of District President**

1. With grateful heart the Colorado District praises God for the manifestation of His wonderful grace and patient forbearance which the Colorado District has experienced in the past 30 years of its existence. While we cannot "point with pride" to great achievements attained, we thank God that He has been pleased to use us to build His kingdom here in this part of our nation.

2. We are very glad that we still have one of the pioneers of our work among us in the person of our veteran G. A. Schmidt, who so wholeheartedly placed himself and his splendid gifts at the disposal of



our church. May the grace of God sustain him in the days to come as it has in the days gone by.

3. We greet fraternally the brethren who came to us from other Districts and pray God's blessing upon their work.

4. We extend to all who have observed days of special importance and joy in the past year our heartfelt felicitation.

5. We look forward with pleasure to the visit of Missionary Baur. The arrangement of his itinerary we entrust to our District Council.

6. We gratefully appreciate the conscientious work of our worthy President, Hy. Baumgaertel, during the four years he has served us. May the Father in Heaven reward him for all he has done. In this expression of thanks we include all the officers of our District.

#### **District Mission Board**

1. The Colorado District heartily thanks the members of its Home Mission Board for their labors.

2. Our District is thankful for the union which took place in Ft. Morgan, and welcomes Peace Church into our midst. We wish God's blessing upon this united church.

3. We leave the matter of dealing with the situation at Grand Junction and Lingle to the Mission Board.

#### **District Treasurer**

The District thanks its Treasurer, Mr. Alex. Oblander, for his faithful services. The committee has examined his books and found them to be correct and free him from further obligations.

#### **Traveling Expenses**

The Committee on Traveling Expenses reported a total expense of \$40.47. Upon their motion it was voted to raised the prorated amount of \$3.37 to \$3.40 and to turn over the small surplus to the District Treasury.

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A gratification of \$5.00 was voted for the janitor of Zion Church for his additional work.

A resolution was adopted to have the minutes of the Conference printed together with the minutes of the other District Conferences, if possible, and that in abbreviated form.

The business sessions of the Conference were brought to a close at 3:30 P. M., Saturday, but for a brief meeting at 6 o'clock to hear the remainder of the minutes. These were approved as read.

Adjournment was voted to be effective at the close of the Sunday afternoon services.

At 7:30 P. M., Saturday, the children and young people of Zion Church presented a short Easter program at the Park School. This program was folowed by stereopticon slides on our work in Honduras.



On Sunday morning Rev. Hy. Kauerz and Rev. D. Buchmueller spoke in Sunday school, the former in the German, the latter in the English language.

In the morning services our President, the Rev. F. C. Klick, preached the sermon, using Matt. 8: 27 as his text. At the close of this service the newly elected officers of the District were installed by Rev. Klick.

At 1:15 P. M. the Young People's meeting was held. Rev. J. F. Krueger and Rev. A. C. Kroehler addressed the young people.

After Young People's meeting the closing service of the Conference was held. Rev. Wm. Cramm spoke in the English language on Ps. 96: 8, and Rev. G. T. Zucher in the German on John 7: 37-39.

Our newly elected President, Rev. M. Schoenhaar, expressed the heartfelt gratitude of the Conference toward Zion congregation and their pastor with his family. Thereupon the Conference was declared adjourned in accordance with the resolution adopted on Saturday afternoon.

A. C. Kroehler, Secretary

M. Schoenhaar, District President.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**46th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

of the  
**INDIANA DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**

Held in  
**St. Luke Evangelical Church, Louisville, Kentucky**

Rev. Henry C. Koch, Minister

**April 17 to 21, 1935**

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**Indiana District Officers and Boards**

*District Council:*

President, Rev. Frank P. Puhlmann.  
Vice-President, Rev. Alfred G. Schnake.  
Secretary, Rev. Hilmer E. J. Neumann.  
Treasurer, Mr. William D. Schott.  
Members at large, Rev. Henry C. Koch (expires 1941), Messrs.  
Fred Kratch (expires 1939) and H. W. Goebel (expires 1939).  
Representatives to General Council, Rev. Conrad Held (expires  
1937) and Mr. J. F. Frohbieter (expires 1937).

*Home Mission Board:*

Rev. Walter A. Scheer, Louisville, Ky. (term expires 1937).  
Mr. Geo. Decker, Cincinnati, O. (term expires 1937).  
Rev. A. A. Susott, Evansville, Ind. (term expires 1939).  
Mr. Hy. Thielmeyer, Cincinnati, O. (term expires 1939).  
Rev. Geo. Sonneborne, Dayton, O., (term expires 1941).  
Mr. Fred Diehl, Louisville, Ky. (term expires 1941).

*Foreign Mission Board:*

Rev. H. H. Bierbaum, Boonville, Ind. (term expires 1937).  
Mr. Chris Zoerker, Tell City, Ind. (term expires 1939).  
Rev. D. E. Werner, Carmi, Ill. (term expires 1941).

*Board of Religious Education:*

Rev. Carl Scherzer, Vincennes, Ind. (term expires 1937).  
Miss Lillian Kuhlenkamp, Louisville, Ky. (term expires 1937).  
Rev. V. T. Kissel, Louisville, Ky. (term expires 1939).  
Prof. O. Koenig, Huntingburg, Ind. (term expires 1939).  
Rev. M. Baas, Louisville, Ky. (term expires 1941).



*Pension Board:*

Rev. E. Stroehlein, Batesville, Ind. (term expires 1937).  
Rev. J. G. Krumm, Cincinnati, O. (term expires 1939).  
Rev. Paul Schnake, Cincinnati, O. (term expires 1941).

*Board of Examiners:*

Rev. Paul Gehm, Piqua, Ohio (term expires 1937).  
Mr. Geo. Fischer, Evansville, Ind. (term expires 1937).  
Rev. Theo. Haas, Evansville, Ind. (term expires 1939).  
Mr. J. J. DeRoo, Cincinnati, O. (term expires 1939).  
Rev. Wm. Mehl, Louisville, Ky. (term expires 1941).

*District Court:*

Rev. J. D. Bretz, Evansville, Ind. (term expires 1939).  
Mr. Hy. Fennemann, Evansville, Ind. (term expires 1939).  
Mr. Paul Pfister, Mt. Vernon, Ind. (term expires 1939).  
Rev. Wm. Kohler, Cincinnati, O. (term expires 1941).  
Rev. J. W. Dickmann, Shelbyville, Ind. (term expires 1941).

*Fire Insurance Inspector:* Rev. Theo. Goebel, Westphalia, Ind.

*Brotherhood Advisors:* Rev. Herbert Goetz and Rev. A. J. Schneider.

*Women's Union Advisors:* Rev. F. Krueger and Rev. G. J. Brune.

*Orphans' Society:* President, Rev. J. C. Klingeberger, Secretary-Treasurer, L. Hohmann, member Trinity Church, Mt. Vernon.

### **Introduction**

The Indiana District of the Evangelical Synod of N. A. assembled for its 46th Annual Conference from May 17 to 21 at the beautiful and spacious St. Luke Evangelical Church, Louisville, Ky. The fine southern hospitality of both the Rev. and Mrs. Henry C. Koch and the members of the congregation contributed largely to the splendid spirit prevailing throughout the days of the Conference and was appreciated by all in attendance. The conference theme was "Every Member Kingdom-minded," the biblical reference, St. John 15: 5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches."

### **Sermons and Addresses**

The Memorial and Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. Paul F. Hausmann, his sermon topic being "The Ultimate Goal of Life." The morning devotions were in charge of laymen of Louisville, Ky., as follows: "Our Christian Duty," by Mr. Fred Kratch; "United Forces," by Mr. E. Ritter; "Mountains of Work," by Mr. Fred Diehl. The conference sermons were delivered by the Rev. J. Otto Reller on "What the Spirit Says to the Churches"; the Rev. A. G. Schnake on "The Present-day Challenge to the Churches"; the Rev. Dr. Geo. Richards on "The House of God—the Church of the Living God." Informative and inspirational addresses were delivered by the Rev. A. E. Klick on "The Present Status of the United Church Constitution"; the Rev. Rufus E. Clement, Dean of the Louisville Municipal College, on "The Church and Race Relations"; the Rev. Timothy Lehmann, President of Elmhurst



College, on "The Present-day Problems and Challenges of Religious Education and the Religious College"; the Dr. L. J. Sherrill, Professor of Religious Education, Presbyterian Seminary, Louisville, Ky., on "Present Trends in Christian Education." The ministers' session was in charge of the Rev. F. P. Puhmann and the Rev. S. P. Bittner spoke on the "Pension." The laity session was under the leadership of Mr. J. F. Frohbieter and the attorney, Mr. Alfred C. Krueger of Louisville, Ky., addressed the laity on the subject "Sustaining Energies in the Service of Christ."

### **Business**

The Rev. A. E. Klick of Louisville, Ky., was elected Moderator of the Conference and Dr. H. G. Weiss of Evansville, Ind., was elected the Vice-Moderator. Annual reports were read by the District President, the Rev. F. P. Puhmann, the Budget Report by the Rev. A. G. Schnake, Home Mission Report by the Rev. W. A. Scheer, Board of Religious Education Report by the Rev. M. Baas, Young People's Leagues by the Rev. F. Fahrenkamp, Pension Board by the Rev. G. Krumm, District Fire Insurance by the Rev. T. Goebel, Orphans' Society by the Rev. F. Schueler and Reports by the Regional Conference Presidents. As usual, all reports were received and referred for consideration and action to the proper Commissions.

The Rev. F. A. Meusch, Secretary of the Synod and Executive Secretary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, presented synodical matters to the Conference.

The Rev. Dr. Geo. Richards, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, brought greetings from the Texas District, a Conference which he had attended previous to his arrival at the Indiana District Conference.

Dr. Bruce Cameron, Secretary of the American Bible Society, reported on the work of the American Bible Society and urged the observance of the oncoming anniversary of the printing of the English Bible.

The Revs. V. E. Langhorst and K. C. Rathert were received into the membership of the Conference and District and Synod.

The rate of equalization of traveling expenses for the ministers and lay-delegates was adopted at \$3.60 and \$4.80, respectively.

### **Resolutions**

#### **District President**

1. We believe with the President of the District that if the Church will emphasize the essentials of faith, trusting in divine leadership, we shall find our way out of the present chaotic conditions into the new day of hope.
2. We approve the appointments of the District Council in filling the vacancies in offices caused by the removal of President P. M. Schroeder to the New York District.
3. We urge every congregation and pastor to observe the provisions in the synodical Constitution governing changes in pastorates.



4. We extend felicitations to congregations and pastors having observed anniversaries and congratulate congregations upon special accomplishments.

5. We gratefully accept the invitation of the Zion Evangelical Church, Indianapolis, Ind., to hold our special District Conference in its midst in the year 1936.

6. We recommend that promotional directors be appointed by the District Council of the Indiana District in accordance with the suggestion of the Executive Committee of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

7. We deplore the great loss which the Church has sustained through the death of so many of our faithful brethren in the ministry and in our congregations and heartily commend all sorrowing to the comfort of the Living Saviour.

8. We cordially thank the officers of our District and the members of its commissions for the faithful services rendered during the last business year.

9. The Indiana District Conference votes that its Conferences be held during the week without continuing over Sunday.

#### **General President**

1. We agree with President F. C. Klick that the business of the Church is to preach Christ and to bring His teaching into all human relationships.

2. We rejoice in the progress that has been made in bringing the various branches of the work of the two churches closer together and in the fine Christian spirit that prevails in the new Church.

3. We thank the Rev. Paul Press for his efficient and faithful service as President of our Church and pledge to the present incumbent, Rev. F. C. Klick, our fullest support and cooperation.

4. The Indiana District agrees with the President General that congregations should refrain from worldly practices, such as the sale of beer and liquor, games of chance and sponsoring card parties for the purpose of raising funds. Such practices are unbecoming to the Church, offensive to many members, subject to severe criticisms and are a disgrace to our Lord and Master.

#### **Finance**

1. We appreciate the monthly report which is being sent by the synodical Treasurer to the churches and we recommend that these reports be given publicity in promoting the finances of larger Kingdom Work.

2. In view of the fact that the First General Conference of the newly-merged Church convenes in 1936 and that the Reformed branch of the Church is making strenuous efforts to reduce its indebtedness, we earnestly implore the Board of Directors to make an intensive effort to get all churches to raise their budget allotments so that not only the requirements for the year 1935 can be met, but the deficit of the Synod be eliminated. A "Raise the Budget" effort could accomplish



this. Therefore the Indiana District recommends that the Board of Directors promote a "Raise the Budget" Effort in the following way:

Work through the chairmen of the various District Boards (Vice-Presidents). These will have their committee to oversee the work in different parts of the Districts and encourage the congregations to raise their allotments by

- a) regular avenues (duplex or special envelopes)
- b) appeals for special gifts from individuals
- c) special offerings on designated Sundays, stressing two Sundays of mission or benevolence Sundays
- d) encourage gifts from societies
- e) arrange for meetings with the help of outside speakers (especially such who have had success in raising their own budgets).

3. The Indiana District will make a determined effort to raise its budget allotment for the year 1935. To attain this goal we recommend that a conscientious tactful field man be employed by the District Council to personally contact churches in the District for the purpose of assisting in the presentation of the dire financial situation of the Synod and to recommend ways and means to the congregations for raising their budget quotas.

4. Encouragement should be given those congregations who are able to assume a larger portion of responsibility than their allotted quotas to make up for such congregation that have suffered from unforeseen causes (as drought, dust storms, etc.).

#### **Federated Activities**

1. The Indiana District takes cognizance of the extensive and significant Kingdom program that the National Women's Union is carrying out through its General Education, Devotional Life, Missionary Education, Christian Stewardship, Social Service, Christian Citizenship Departments, and of the many resulting and commendable projects and gifts that have proven a great blessing to fields, communities, institutions, and individuals; of the fine cooperative spirit that has prevailed among the women of the District in promoting the National Program; of the Women's District Convention held in St. John Church, Evansville, Indiana, October 24-25, 1934, which according to the District President, was the outstanding event in the lives of the women of the District, and conceded by National Leaders to have been one of the most helpful held in the Synod in the past year.

2. Be it resolved: That we urge a greater cooperation between the organizations of the Evangelical and Reformed Groups, namely, the Brotherhood, the Women's Union and the Young People's Leagues of the Evangelical Group and similar organizations of the Reformed Group, a good example of which may be seen in the Hanover Conference, and look forward to their complete merger in the very near future.

That because of the splendid program provided at the Hanover Conference, we urge the churches to send their Sunday school workers.



young people, mission workers and ministers to this conference, convening July 14 to 20 at Hanover College.

3. Be it resolved that we express our sincere appreciation to the Dr. H. H. Kamphausen, editor of the Theological Magazine, which for many years satisfied the needs of many pastors of our Church, for his untiring efforts in editing this magazine; that we heartily endorse the action of our Board of Publications in merging the two English church papers, and that we urge the merging of all kindred educational publications, including the hymnals.

4. The Indiana District is of the opinion that it belongs to the sphere of the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems, and especially to the District Commissions when they are created, to secure economic justice for the unemployed ordained ministers against the oft-prevailing policy to supply vacant pulpit by salaried ministers or unordained men.

#### **Foreign Missions**

1. Inspired anew by the joint missions celebration of last year, in our consciousness of the importance of the cause of missions, and recognizing the thorough promotional work of the Board of Foreign Missions, wherever opportunity offered; the Indiana District resolves to commend the Board

a) for its active relationship with the International Missionary Agencies, as a statesmanlike approach to the solution of the problem of World Evangelization.

b) for the progress of integrating our own work with that of the Reformed Board through the common missionary literature and other plans for the future.

c) for its careful stewardship of the funds entrusted to its administration whereby it has been able to keep within its allotment.

2. The Indiana District notes its appreciation again to the Women's Union for the material help through the Annual Thank-Offerings; making possible the inauguration of projects which otherwise could not have been undertaken; likewise to the congregations that in addition to raising their Budgets, have paid the salary of a missionary.

At the same time the District reminds its congregations that large capital investments are in danger because of the inability of the Board to make long-pending repairs to property; and that gains made will be lost again if the Board is not given a larger appropriation wherewith to fill the vacancies of nine missionaries who have been forced to retire or remain home through illness.

3. The District rejoices in the growing Christian zeal and consciousness of the Indian churches as evidenced by dependable leadership of the native pastors, the raising of large funds for their work, the voluntary projection of the Gospel into unevangelized areas, the effective educational work which has won the special recognition of government and the splendid development of the medical work at our new hospital and in the leper asylum.



4. In regard to Honduras the Indiana District commends the Board in its endeavor to cover the field more adequately by opening two new stations in the interior as well as by the effort to raise up and train a corps of native leaders.

#### **Home Missions**

1. In response to the appeal of the North College Hill and Terre Haute mission churches, that the Indiana District cancel the notes of \$900.00 and \$1,000.00, respectively; we recommend:

a) that the Indiana District grant these churches reduction of \$100.00 additional for every \$100.00 paid on their note to the District.

b) that no interest be charged on the note held by the North College Church in conformity with the present arrangement in vogue at Terre Haute, Indiana.

2. We acknowledge the unselfish service rendered by our five home mission workers and suggest to the churches of the District, that an opportunity be given our Home Missionaries to speak in the various churches of the District at Mission Festivals and other services whenever possible.

3. We congratulate the church of Jasper, Ind., upon having attained its financial independence.

4. Distressed because of the salary cut our home missionaries have received, the Indiana District feels it is imperative that we put forth every effort to raise our portion of the synodical budget.

5. The Indiana District appreciates the time and effort which the members of the Home Mission Board of the District have given to the supervision of our mission churches.

6. In order to stimulate missionary interest and zeal, we urge the churches of the District to intensify their missionary educational efforts (see page 54 of Annual Report on School of Missions and page 55 on Outlook of Missions.)

7. The Indiana District encourages the Central Mission Board to continue its efforts in the field of interdenominational comity.

8. We recommend that the Indiana District Treasury is to provide the funds necessary for the shortage incurred in the salaries of our home mission workers during April of this year.

#### **Educational Institutions**

1. The Indiana District commends its Board of Religious Education for making the survey in the field of religious education and recognizes with the Board, on the basis of this survey, the need for more personal commitment to Jesus Christ, a greater conscientiousness on the part of many of our teachers in their application to the work of teaching, and a profounder loyalty on the part of many to the Church, as well as, a more comprehensive integration of the church school program in the entire program and ministry of the Church, and finally, also, consistent policy by which the homes and the school are kept in close and vital relation.

2. The Indiana District Conference also approves the suggestion



of the Board that the recommendations of its report be made available in mimeograph form, for the pastors and Sunday school superintendents of the District, with provision that recommendations C and E be omitted and recommendations A be made to read: "We recommend that our Sunday schools, without neglecting any emphasis on technique, methodology, and equipment, place more and more stress on the type of teachers who can by personal consecration to the Master and to the task of teaching, lead the pupils into a deeper and more abiding experience of the Christian life."

3. The Conference supports the request of its Board of Religious Education to the District Council that the dates of the three Regional Conferences be set consecutively in order that the various phases of our Church Work may be presented by some of the leaders of our Church at each of the Regional Conferences, thereby affecting a saving of time and expenses as well as enrichment of program.

4. We commend the Board of Religious Education of the Evangelical and Reformed Church—

a) for the significant contribution represented by the "Guide for Confirmation Instruction."

b) for its visual education service, and especially for the acquisition of the Bailey Religious Art Collection.

c) for the growing Service Library in Christian Education; and we recommend the use of these resources to our pastors and congregations.

5. The District recognizes with favor the expansion of the Seminary in the four-fold direction:

a) The introduction of the Department of Field Work.

b) The convocation, bringing to the Seminary some of the national and international church leaders.

c) By broadening of the services of the Seminary beyond our denomination by opening its doors to students of other races, nations and denominations, and establishing a foreign student exchange.

d) By the harmonious and effective merger of the students and staff of Central Theological Seminary with Eden Theological Seminary.

e) By requiring the A.B. degree (or its equivalent) as a condition for admission, rare cases excepted.

6. We congratulate the administration and faculty of Elmhurst College for the successful consummation of the efforts to make Elmhurst a fully accredited college.

7. We rejoice that the co-educational program of the college is progressing so satisfactorily.

8. We commend the efforts of the administration and faculty in strengthening the prevailing Christian character of the college, both in the campus life and in the specific program of the Department of Religion.

9. We recommend that the Secretary of the District send the Indiana District's Felicitations to Dr. Karl Bauer on the completion of his 45 years of service, and express to him our hearty appreciation of



his faithful contribution to the intellectual and spiritual life of the school and the Church at large.

10. Due to the reasonable cost and the high standard of the educational program at Elmhurst, we commend this College to the young people of our churches.

#### **Christianity and Social Problems**

1. The Indiana District endorses the special Christmas and Lenten messages prepared by the Synodical Commission on Christianity and Social Problems, and in accordance with its recommendation instructs the District Council at once to appoint a standing District Commission on Christianity and Social Problems, consisting of two pastors and two laymen, to carry on the work of discovering and proclaiming the social implications of the Christian Gospel, in cooperation with the denominational commissions. We further instruct the District Council to set aside sufficient funds for the efficient functioning of this commission.

2. The Indiana District urges the Constitution Committee of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to provide for the establishment of an agency for giving studied expression to the Church's conviction and duty in relation to the social problems of our time, as recommended in the joint statement of the Commissions on Christianity and Social Problems and the Social Service Commission; that such a commission be provided with adequate facilities and resources effectively to perform the functions delegated to it; and that this Commission be named The Commission on Christian Social Action.

3. We affirm the necessity in such a time of crisis of maintaining the rights of free assembly and free speech guaranteed in the American Bill of Rights, and deplore the persecution of advocates of opinions unpopular with selfish groups.

#### **Special Resolutions**

1. The Indiana District requests that new members of a church receive a copy of the Fundamentals of the Evangelical Church as contained in the "Handbook of Adult Confirmation" or other Evangelical literature published by Eden Publishing House.

2. The Indiana District deplores the diversity of constitution and by-laws existing in our various churches and urges the President of the District to avail himself of his privilege to urge the congregations to make their constitutions and by-laws conform to the standard of the Evangelical Church.

3. The Indiana District votes the honorarium of \$100.00 for the President, \$100.00 for the Vice-President, \$100.00 for the Secretary and \$50.00 for the Treasurer, for their faithful services; and a gratification of \$15.00 to the custodian of St. Luke Evangelical Church, also \$10.00 to the official stenographer of the Conference.

4. The Indiana District sanctions the resolution of the Southwestern Regional Conference to the effect that all Regional Conference presidents be represented at all District Council meetings, for the purpose of obtaining information, and that they have a voice but no vote



in these District Council meetings. Their expenses shall be met by their respective regions.

5. The Indiana District recommends that the District bears the traveling expense of our four retired pastors and urges our retired pastors to attend the Conference next year, the District to pay their traveling and entertainment expenses.

6. The Indiana District votes its hearty thanks to St. Luke Evangelical Church, to the Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Koch, the choir and the organist, Prof. E. J. Scheerer, and all other friends who have given of their service to make our stay so very agreeable and our District Conference so successful.

7. The Indiana District votes its heartiest thanks to the Moderator and Vice-Moderator and the various speakers, especially Dr. Geo. Richards, for their faithful and efficient services.

8. The Indiana District heartily endorses the work of the American Bible Society and requests that contributions for this worthy cause be sent to our Synodical Treasury.

9. The Indiana District kindly requests our Synodical Treasurer to enumerate in his annual report the assets of our Synod and not only its liabilities.

10. The Indiana District authorizes the District Council to set a standard by which transportation expenses to the District Conference shall be figured by the Equalization Committee.

11. The Indiana District commends Brother A. E. Klick, a member of the General Constitution Committee of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, for his splendid informative outline of the work of this Committee to date, encourages the Committee in its exacting task, and recommends that further action on the work of this Committee be withheld until a definite and final draft of the Constitution is ready for submission to the next regular or special Conference of the Districts.

### Elections

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. F. P. Puhlmann; Vice-president, Rev. A. G. Schnake; Secretary, Rev. H. E. J. Neumann; Treasurer, Mr. Wm. D. Schott. *District Council*—Rev. H. C. Koch (1941); *Home Mission Board*—Rev. G. Sonneborn (1941); Mr. Fred Diehl (1941); *Foreign Mission Board*—Rev. D. E. Werner (1941); *Board of Religious Education*—Rev. M. Bass (1941); *Pension Board*—Rev. P. Schnake (1941); *Board of Examiners*—Rev. W. Mehl (1941); *District Court*—Rev. W. Kohler (1941); Rev. J. W. Dickmann (1941).

### Roster of Churches by Regions of the Indiana District

#### Cincinnati Region

First Evangelical Protestant, Aurora, Ind.

St. John, Batesville, Ind.

Zion, Lawrenceburg, Ind.



St. John, Penntown, Ind.  
 Cheviot-Westwood, Westwood, Cincinnati, O.  
 Columbia, Cincinnati, O.  
 Carthage, Cincinnati, O.  
 First Evangelical, Cincinnati, O.  
 Immanuel, Cincinnati, O.  
 Martini, Cincinnati, O.  
 Philippus, Cincinnati, O.  
 Price Hill Evangelical, Cincinnati, O.  
 St. Luke, Cincinnati, O.  
 St. Matthew, Elmwood Place, O.  
 Matthew's Evangelical, Cincinnati, O.  
 St. Paul, North College Hill, Cincinnati, O.  
 St. Peter, Pleasant Ridge, Cincinnati, O.  
 Salem, Norwood, O.  
 Third Protestant Memorial, Cincinnati, O.  
 Washington Evangelical, Cincinnati, O.  
 St. Paul, Foster, O.  
 St. Paul, New Richmond, O.  
 St. John, Dayton, O.  
 St. Luke, Dayton, O.  
 Redeemer, Hamilton, O.  
 St. John, Hamilton, O.  
 St. Paul, Hamilton, O.  
 St. Paul, Middletown, O.  
 St. Paul, Piqua, O.  
 St. John, Reading, O.  
 St. Paul, Sidney, O.  
 St. John, Troy, O.  
 St. Paul, Alexandria, Ky.  
 St. John, Bellevue, Ky.  
 St. Mark, Covington, Ky.  
 St. Paul, Covington, Ky.  
 St. Paul, Dayton, Ky.  
 Christ Evangelical, Ft. Thomas, Ky.  
 St. Paul, Newport, Ky.

#### Evansville Region

St. John, Boonville, Ind.  
 St. John, Buckskin, Ind.  
 Trinity, Jasper, Ind.  
 St. John, Bretzville, Ind.  
 St. Paul, Duff, Ind.  
 St. John, Buffaloville, Ind.  
 Zion, Chrisney, Ind.  
 St. John, Bufkin, Ind.  
 Immanuel, Caborn, Ind.



Zoar, Campbell Township, Evansville, Ind.  
 Bethlehem, McCutchanville, Ind.  
 St. John, Cannelton, Ind.  
 St. Peter, Dubois, Ind.  
 Zion, Elberfeld, Ind.  
 Emmanuel, near Elberfeld, Ind.  
 St. Stephen, Warrenton, Ind.  
 Salem, Huntingburg, Ind.  
 Bethel, Evansville, Ind.  
 St. John, Evansville, Ind.  
 St. Luke, Evansville, Ind.  
 St. Matthew, Evansville, Ind.  
 St. Paul, Evansville, Ind.  
 Zion, Evansville, Ind.  
 St. Luke, Ft. Branch, Ind.  
 St. Paul, Ft. Branch, Ind.  
 Trinity, Fulda, Ind.  
 St. Peter, Lamar, Ind.  
 St. Paul, German Township, Evansville, Ind.  
 Salem, Howell, Ind.  
 Augustana, Holland, Ind.  
 St. Paul, Holland, Ind.  
 Salem, Inglefield, Ind.  
 St. Peter, Kratzville, Ind.  
 St. James, Ingleheim, Ind.  
 St. Peter, Parkers Settlement, Ind.  
 Zion, Johnson Township, Vincennes, Ind.  
 Zoar, Kasson, Ind.  
 Zion, Lippe, Ind.  
 St. Matthew, Lynnville, Ind.  
 Trinity, Mt. Vernon, Ind.  
 Zion, Newburgh, Ind.  
 First Evangelical, Tell City, Ind.  
 St. John, Vincennes, Ind.  
 Zion, Henderson, Ky.  
 Zion, Owensboro, Ky.  
 Unity, Paducah, Ky.  
 Friedens, Browns, Ill.  
 St. John, Carmi, Ill.

#### **Louisville-Indianapolis Region**

First Evangelical, Shelbyville, Ind.  
 Zion, near Shelbyville, Ind.  
 Zion, New Palestine, Ind.  
 St. John, Cumberland, Ind.  
 Zion, Fenton, Ind.  
 St. Paul, Indianapolis, Ind.



St. John, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Friedens, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Zion, Indianapolis, Ind.  
St. Paul, Terre Haute, Ind.  
Salem, Westphalia, Ind.  
Bethel, Freelandville, Ind.  
St. Mark, New Albany, Ind.  
Bethel, Louisville, Ky.  
Bethlehem, Louisville, Ky.  
Christ, Louisville, Ky.  
Grace-Immanuel, Louisville, Ky.  
Immanuel, Louisville, Ky.  
St. James, Louisville, Ky.  
Parkland Evangelical, Louisville, Ky.  
St. John, Louisville, Ky.  
St. Luke, Louisville, Ky.  
St. Paul, Louisville, Ky.  
St. Matthew, Louisville, Ky.  
St. Peter, Louisville, Ky.  
W. Louisville Evangelical, Louisville, Ky.

*Hilmer E. J. Neumann, Secretary.*

Approved by

*Frank P. Puhlmann, President.*



**IOWA DISTRICT**  
(No Conference)

**Congregations of the Iowa District, 1935**

**Southeast Region**

Augusta, St. John	Lowden, Zion
Bennett, Friedens	Muscatine, Evang. Prot.
Benton Twp., Zion	Primrose, Zion
Burlington, First	Sigourney, St. Paul
Zion	Valley, St. Paul
St. Luke	Washington, St. Paul
Clarence, St. John	West Burlington, St. John
Donnellson, St. Paul	Rock Island, Peace
Flint River, St. John	Sutter, Bethlehem
Ft. Madison, St. John	Tioga, Bethany
Franklin, St. Peter	Warsaw, St. John
Keokuk, St. Paul	Kahoka, St. Paul
	Winchester, Zion

**Northeast Region**

Ackley, St. John	Geneva, St. Peter
Alden, Immanuel	Gladbrook, Peace
Alexander, St. John	Hampton, Immanuel
Buckeye, Peace	Hayerhill, St. John
Clarksville, First Church	Hubbard, Zion
Immanuel	Lincoln, Bethlehem
Dayton Tp., St. Paul	Manly, St. Paul
German Tp., St. Peter	Marshalltown, Peace
Denver, St. Paul	Mt. Vernon Tp., St. Paul
Douglas Tp., St. John	New Albin, St. Peter
Dysart, Peace	Newton, St. John
Elkader, Peace	Tripoli, St. Peter
Fredericksburg, Peace	Union City, St. John
Fremont Twp., St. John	Vinton, Zion
Garber, St. John	Waverly, Peace

**Western Region**

Atlantic, Peace	Mapleton, St. Peter
Aurelia, St. John	Newell, St. John
Calumet, Zion	Noble Tp., St. John
Council Bluffs, St. John	Peterson, St. John
Creston, St. John	Pomeroy, First Evangelical
German City, St. John	Primghar, St. John
Dumfries, St. Paul	Schleswig, Friedens
Hamburg, Zion	Victoria Twp., St. Peter
Hartley, Trinity	Walnut, Evang. Luth.
Ledyard, Friedens	West Side, St. John
Le Mars, St. John	



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**42nd CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**KANSAS DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**  
Held in  
**Immanuel Evangelical Church**  
**Newton, Kansas**  
P. W. Kasper, Pastor  
**May 6 to 8, 1935**

**Introduction**

The 42nd Conference of the Kansas District convened in Immanuel Evangelical Church, Newton, Kansas, May 6 to 8, 1935. The Conference opened with divine services on Monday, May 6, at 7:30 P. M., with the Rev. F. C. Klick, President of the Evangelical Synod of N. A., speaking on "More Love to Christ," John 21: 16. Holy communion was served by Dr. Klick and the Rev. P. W. Kasper who was also in charge of the liturgy of the evening. Rev. Kasper welcomed the Conference delegates and pastors to Newton and Immanuel Church and District President Rev. H. Becker responded.

**Enrollment**

**Pastors**

H. Becker, Kansas City, Kansas.  
E. Beier, Enid, Oklahoma.  
R. Bierbaum, Leavenworth, Kansas.  
A. Brueggemann, Alida, Kansas.  
J. Endter, Hudson, Kansas.  
G. Firgau, D.D., Loyal, Oklahoma.  
F. Haas, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.  
P. Kasper, Newton, Kansas.  
J. Kaiser, Okeene, Oklahoma.  
O. Krueger, Alma, Kansas.  
D. Moritz, Marysville, Kansas.  
L. Marx, Holyrood, Kansas.  
O. Nussmann, Wichita, Kansas.  
E. Otte, Inman, Kansas.  
P. Press, Jr., Marshall, Oklahoma.



W. Press, Kingfisher, Oklahoma.  
H. Reifschneider, Eudora, Kansas.  
H. Rieder, Lincoln, Kansas.  
A. Rinne, Junction City, Kansas.  
R. Richter Ellinwood Kansas.  
C. Schrupp Seneca Kansas.  
A. Werner Hardtner Kansas.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

E. Nolte Nickerson, Kansas.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

B. Slupianek, Baldwin City, Kansas.  
E. Roglin, Em., Frederick, Oklahoma.

**Congregations and Delegates**

EASTERN REGION

Alida, St. John's, Kermit Altwegg  
Alma, Peace, Henry Laging  
Baldwin City, St. John's, Arnold Stoebner  
Eudora, St. Paul's, Homer Gerstenberger  
Herkimer, Immanuel  
Junction City, Zion  
Kansas City, Zion, Henry Hurrelbrink  
Lawrence, St. Paul's  
Leavenworth, Salem, Adolph Hitzemann  
Marysville, Evangelical, Wm. Ungerer  
Paola, Zion  
Powhattan, St. Paul's, R. F. Wenger  
Seneca, Peace, Ferdinand Bredemeier  
Wells Creek, Immanuel, H. J. Sielkopf

WESTERN REGION

Bluff City, St. Paul's, Fred W. Stein  
Colby, St. John's, Adolph Boeka  
Ellinwood, Immanuel, Dan S. Erni  
Hardtner, St. John's, Fred C. Molz  
Herndon, Immanuel, Lorenz Portschi  
Highland Twp., Trinity, H. F. Dreier  
Hudson, Peace, Reinhold Fischer  
Hudson, Trinity  
Inman, St. Peter's, Peter Dalke  
Newton, Immanuel, George Mull  
Nickerson, First, Louis Thode  
Midland, Evangelical, Lester Colle  
Vesper, Immanuel, Henry J. Finke  
Wichita, Salem, Edward Rink  
Holyrood, St. Paul's, Marcus Siemsen (not member of Synod)

OKLAHOMA REGION

El Reno, Ev. Lutheran Redeemer  
Enid, Ev. Lutheran Wartburg, Wm. John Hennecke



Kingfisher, Evangelical, W. C. Homeier  
Loyal, Peace, Carson Storm  
Marshall, St. Paul's, George Weber  
Norman, Salem  
Okeene, St. John's  
Oklahoma City, Zion, Fred W. Kamp  
Tangier, Gnadenfeld

#### **Lay Members of the District Council**

Mr. Henry Willig, Alma, Kansas.  
Mr. John Abele, Wamego, Kansas  
Mr. Charles Hirsch, Ellinwood, Kansas.  
Mr. A. L. Freund, 2904 Parkwood Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas

#### **Licensed Pastors**

Edward Fresen, Herndon, Kansas.  
Robert Groves, Colby, Kansas.

#### **Committees**

1. Report of the President of the Synod, the President of the District, the Presidents of the Regional Conferences, Executive Secretary of the General Council, Special Resolutions—Pastors: O. Krueger, J. Endter, B. Slupianek, Student R. Groves. Delegates: Newton, Oklahoma City, Junction City, Bluff City, Marysville.
2. Report of Eden Seminary, Elmhurst College, Board of Religious Education of the Synod and of the District, Evangelical Brotherhood, Evangelical Women's Union, Evangelical League, Federation of Evangelical Charities, Dunkirk Board, Eden and Elmhurst Advance—Pastors: O. Nussmann, D. Moritz, G. Firsgau, D.D., A. Rinne, R. Bierbaum. Delegates: Wichita, Enid, Alma, Okeene, Marshall, Hudson (Trinity), Alida, Loyal.
3. Report of the Home Mission Board of the Synod and of the District, Extension Fund Board, Foreign Mission Board, Pension and Relief Board of the Synod and of the District, Commission on Christianity and Social Problems, Historical Commission—Pastors: H. Rieder, L. Marx, P. Kasper, P. Press, Jr., Student E. Fresen. Delegates: Highland, Wells Creek, Eudora, Nickerson, Seneca, Lawrence, Powhattan, Tangier.
4. Report of the Board of Publication, Budget Department, Endowment and Trust Funds, Treasurer of the Synod and District, Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association of the Synod and of the District, Synodical Recovery Plan—Pastors: F. E. C. Haas, C. Schrupp, E. Nolte, J. Kaiser. Delegates: Hardtner, Vesper, Hudson (Peace), Herkimer, Baldwin City, Herndon, Norman, Paola, Holyrood.
5. Credentials, Apportionment of Travel Expense, Elections—Pastors: E. Bejer, H. Reifschneider, A. Werner. Delegates: El Reno, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Midland, Colby, Inman.
6. Nominations—Pastor: A. Brueggemann. Delegates: Ellinwood, Kingfisher.



### **Report of the President of the District**

"One ship drives East and one drives West  
By the selfsame wind that blows,  
It's the set of the sails and not the gales  
Which determines the way she goes."

"Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,  
As we journey along through life;  
It's the set of the soul, that determines the goal,  
And not the calm or the strife."

Paul made a profound impression on the world because he gave himself up wholly to a great purpose. What is your purpose as a Christian?

Find your purpose, and fling your life out to it, and the loftier your purpose is, the more sure you will be to make the world richer in every enrichment of yourself.

Permit me to submit the following report to the constituency of the District.

#### **Status of the District**

The status of the district is practically the same as it was in 1933, at the last Conference. We have in the district 40 congregations; 39 are members of the Synod, and one congregation is not affiliated with the Synod.

There are 26 pastors in the district and one commissioned worker. One of the pastors is not a member of the Synod and the other pastor is an Emeritus.

#### **Changes in Pastorates**

##### **TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS**

Rev. F. Nisi from the Immanuel Church at Newton, Kansas, to the Iowa District.

Rev. T. Boesch from the Evangelical Peace Church at Alma, Kansas, to the Minnesota District.

Rev. A. Schroeder from the Salem Evangelical Church at Leavenworth, Kansas, to the California District.

Rev. J. Flucke from the Evangelical Church at Kingfisher, Oklahoma, to the Missouri District.

##### **CHANGES WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

Rev. G. Firgau as a supernumerary to the congregation at Loyal, Oklahoma.

Rev. L. Marx from the Immanuel Church at Herndon, Kansas, to the St. Paul Church at Holyrood, Kansas.

Rev. H. Rieder from the Evangelical Church at Nickerson, Kansas, and the Evangelical Church at Midland, Kansas, to the Immanuel Evangelical Church at Vesper, Kansas.

Rev. O. Krueger from the Friedens Evangelical Church at Seneca, Kansas, to the Peace Evangelical Church at Alma, Kansas.



#### RECEIVED FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

Rev. J. Kaiser from the Iowa District to the St. John Church at Okeene, Oklahoma, and the Gnadenfeld Church at Tangier, Oklahoma.

Rev. P. W. Kasper from the Wisconsin District to the Immanuel Church, Newton and Trinity Church, Highland Twp., Kansas.

#### ASSIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT GENERAL

Rev. E. Nolte from Eden Seminary to the Evangelical Church at Nickerson, Kansas, and to the Evangelical Church at Midland, Kansas.

#### Installations

Rev. G. Firgau as pastor of the Peace Evangelical Church at Loyal, Oklahoma, June 18, 1933, by Rev. J. Flucke.

Rev. J. Kaiser as pastor of the St. John Evangelical Church at Okeene, Oklahoma, October 1, 1933, by Rev. G. Firgau.

Rev. L. Marx as pastor of the St. Paul Evangelical Church at Holyrood, Kansas, November 12, 1933, by Rev. R. Richter.

Rev. J. Kaiser as pastor of the Gnadenfeld Evangelical Church at Tangier, Oklahoma, November 24, 1933, by Rev. E. Beier.

Rev. H. Rieder as pastor of the Immanuel Church at Vesper, Kansas, May 27, 1934, by Rev. L. Marx.

Rev. P. Kasper as pastor of the Immanuel Evangelical Church at Newton, Kansas, and the Trinity Evangelical Church of Highland, Kansas, August 19, 1934, by Rev. A. Bruggemann.

Rev. E. Nolte as pastor of the First Evangelical Church at Nickerson, Kansas, and the Evangelical Church at Midland, Kansas, October 7, 1934, by Rev. E. Otte.

Rev. R. Bierbaum as pastor of the Salem Evangelical Church at Leavenworth, Kansas, November 25, 1934, by Rev. H. Becker.

Rev. O. Krueger as pastor of the Peace Evangelical Church at Alma, Kansas, December 1, 1934, by Rev. A. Brueggemann.

#### Vacancies

The following congregations are vacant: Herndon, Colby, Hudson (Peace), Hudson (Trinity), Powhattan, Inman and Wells Creek.

During the past year student R. Groves served the congregation at Colby, Kansas, and student E. Fresen served the congregation at Herndon, Kansas. Both students did splendid work and deserve the thanks of the district.

#### Special Events

On May 21, 1933, the Immanuel Church at Ellinwood, Kansas, celebrated its 40th anniversary.

On September 17, 1933, Rev. G. Firgau observed the 45th anniversary of his ordination.

On October 29, 1933, the Evangelical Church at Marysville, Kansas, observed its 65th anniversary.

On June 10, 1934, Zion Evangelical Church, Junction City, Kansas observed its 50th anniversary.

On June 26, 1934, Rev. D. Moritz observed the 25th anniversary of his ordination.



#### **Application for Membership**

Rev. E. Nolte, graduate of Eden Seminary, and stationed at the Evangelical Church at Nickerson, Kansas, and at the Evangelical Church at Midland, Kansas, has applied for membership in the Synod.

#### **Conference Guests**

Rev. F. Klick, President of the Evangelical Synod, and Rev. Paul Press, D.D., First Vice-president of the Evangelical Synod, will attend the conference as our guests and representatives of the Synod.

#### **Conference Host**

The Immanuel Church of Newton, Kansas, and Rev. P. Kasper and his wife are the congenial hosts of the conference. They have done all in their power to make our stay in their midst both pleasant and blessed. May it also be so, that we and the conference may become a blessing to them.

#### **Conclusion**

In conclusion permit me to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the district council, the members of the various boards, the presidents of the regional conferences, and to all the members of the district, who have helped me in the discharge of my duty for their kindness, their forbearance, their loyalty and their cooperation. Without your unstinted support it would have been impossible for me to carry on the work in these times of unrest. Many thanks. I have tried to be conscientious, impartial and faithful in all my dealings with the pastors and the congregations, and if I have failed in carrying out this policy, I beg most humbly to be forgiven and pardoned. May God's blessing rest upon the work of the Kansas District in the future is my most earnest and sincere wish and prayer. God bless you, Brethren.

Most humbly submitted to the district,

*H. Becker.*

#### **Report of Home Missions**

In the beginning of last year the attention of our Board and the President of the District was called to conditions in our church at Colby Kans. The District Council authorized the undersigned to investigate, and the result of this investigation was that during the summer months a student from Eden Seminary was sent there. This led to asking him to stay for a year and to try his best to revive that church. His enthusiastic and faithful work convinced your District Board as well as our Central Board to make this church a mission charge, in the expectation that within reasonable time it would become again a self-sustaining church.

During the summer of 1934 the Central Board extended a call to our worker in Leavenworth, Kans., Rev. A. F. Schroeder, to go to Hollywood, Cal., with the task, to unite our Synodical mission work there with another mission of the former Reformed Church. Brother Schroeder accepted this call. His successor in Leavenworth became Rev. Ruben J. Bierbaum who had been highly recommended for this



place by Rev. J. J. Braun, the Executive Secretary of our Central Board. He is working there enthusiastically since November 1, 1934.

In October, 1934, we were privileged to have Executive Secretary J. J. Braun visit our Kansas District. This visit resulted in the decision to drop Powhattan, Kan., by May 1, 1935, from the list of our charges, asking the District President to provide for Powhattan after that date in the best way possible. Rev. Braun and your chairman also visited together our missions in Wichita, Kans., and Enid, Okla. This visit convinced our church in Wichita, Kans., of the necessity of raising their contribution to their pastor's salary and our church in Enid, Okla., of the same necessity together with plans for a relocation of the church property.

Therefore, when our Board convened for its annual session on November 13, 1934, in Topeka, Kans., we find before us five applications for support from the Central Board for Home Missions. All were carefully considered, and the Central Board made the following appropriations for the running fiscal year:

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Church Pays</i>	<i>Board Pays</i>	<i>Total</i>
Leavenworth .....	\$1290.00	\$330.00 (for rent)	\$1620.00
Wichita .....	870.00	660.00	1530.00
Powhattan .....	400.00 (6 months)	115.00 (6 months)	515.00
Enid* .....	850.00	500.00	1350.00
Colby .....	425.00	300.00	725.00
Totals .....	\$3835.00	\$1905.00	\$5740.00

Notes: Enid was supposed to raise their appropriation from \$600.00 to \$850.00; but since they could only raise it to \$760.00, the Board is making up the difference. As our missionaries Schrupp and Bierbaum, became fathers during March, 1935, their allowance was also raised accordingly by the Board. We are indeed very thankful for these appropriations and special allowances, especially in view of the financial difficulties in which our Central Board, together with the other Synodical Boards finds itself. Since these difficulties would not exist if all our churches would support the Synodical Budget, we urge all our Kansas District churches to do their very, yea their utmost, along these lines.

During our annual meeting the books of our treasurer were audited and found correct. In the fall of last year Rev. Boesch, who had been Secretary of our Board, left the District. In consideration of the approaching District Conference, this vacancy has not been filled by us. Brother Brueggemann took the office of Secretary until this Conference. It is therefore up to the Conference to elect three new members to our Board; one for two years, to fill the unexpired term of Brother Boesch, and two for six years each in place of Mr. Breymeyer and the undersigned. Mr. Breymeyer has been an efficient and very faithful Treasurer of our Board since eight years, and the undersigned has served on this Board since 1925, and since 1926 as its chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

— 59 — *F. E. C. Haas*, Chairman.



## Report of the Board of Religious Education

The following members constituted this board:

Rev. John W. Flucke, Kingfisher, Oklahoma (term expires 1939), Chairman.

Miss Olga Schafer, Marshall, Oklahoma (term expires 1937), Secretary.

Mrs. Ernest Giltner, Kingfisher, Oklahoma (term expires 1937).

Rev. Elmer Otte, Inman, Kansas (term expires 1937).

Rev. Edwin C. Beier, 304 E. Oklahoma, Enid, Oklahoma (term expires 1935).

Miss Helen Schmidt, 3430 N. Parkway, Wichita, Kansas (term expires 1935).

Rev. H. Becker, 720 Nebraska Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, ex officio.

In view of the fact that no allowance was made for its work by the District Treasury, the Board was forced to operate with very limited funds.

A meeting of the Board was held in Enid, Oklahoma, on Tuesday, May 29, 1935, at which meeting the Rev. H. L. Streich, who was at that time in Oklahoma, represented the Central Board. Unfortunately several members of the Board found it impossible to attend this meeting.

Activities of the Board included sending out two issues of a News Bulletin in the interest of the Sunflower E. L. T. S., held in Wichita, August 6-17, 1934, and of the Evangelical Rally held at Friends University, in Wichita, August 12, 1934.

The Board also arranged for the showing of the E. L. T. S. film in the congregations at Marshall, Ellinwood, Hardtner, Hudson (Trinity), and Enid. The Rev. Paul Press, Jr., of Marshall, graciously donated his services for a tour with the film, the congregation paying his traveling expense.

At the request of the Board, a ministers' course was given at the 1934 Sunflower E. L. T. S. by Prof. Biegeleisen. Ministers who participated in the course enjoyed it very much.

We regret to report that despite all our effort to promote attendance, the enrollment at the 1934 Sunflower E. L. T. S. was only 38 as compared with 59 in 1933, the Sunflower School being the only school whose attendance showed a decline. We would again urge all our pastors and congregations to make a special effort to interest their young people in attending the Sunflower School.

The first Kansas District Evangelical Rally held under the auspices of the Board Sunday, August 12, 1934, was a success, although the attendance was somewhat disappointing. The presence of large delegations from such distant congregations as Marshall, Oklahoma City, Enid, and Kingfisher indicated what might be possible if all pastors and congregations in the district would give such a venture their wholehearted cooperation.

We would call attention to the fact that a District-wide Sunday School and League Convention is scheduled to be held in 1935 and



would urge all our churches to give the convention the whole-hearted support it deserves. Time and place of the convention will be announced by the president of the convention, Rev. H. Reifschneider.

In view of the fact that the Board has only a very few dollars in its treasury and has no source of income, it would indeed be desirable if a sum of money (say \$50) could be given the Board out of the District Treasury.

May we call attention to the fact that it will be necessary to elect new members to succeed the two members whose term of office expires this year. In view of the fact that the chairman has accepted a pastorate in another District, it became necessary for him to resign as a member of the Board and the District should elect a new member to fill his unexpired term. The chairman wishes to thank all who have cooperated with him in his work as chairman of the Board during the past year. Special thanks are due Rev. Paul Press, Jr., who kindly consented to accept the responsibility for getting out the News Bulletin, as also for making the tour with the E. L. T. S. film.

Respectfully submitted,

*John W. Flucke, Chairman.*

### **Regional Conferences**

#### **Report of the Oklahoma Region**

The Oklahoma Region consists of nine churches and six pastors. Statistical reports for 1933 showed 596 individual members as compared with 569 in 1932.

The only pastoral change within the region during the past year was at Kingfisher where the Rev. John W. Flucke resigned on December 30, 1934, to accept a call to the Samuel Evangelical Church in Clayton, Missouri. Rev. Walter Press, of Grand Junction, Colorado, has accepted a call to the Kingfisher Evangelical Church and plans to begin his work there May 1, 1935.

Figures furnished by the treasurer of the Synod indicate that during 1934 six of the nine congregations in the Region paid their budget apportionments in full. The Region, as a whole, paid \$1,025.53 on budget quotas totaling \$1,152.70, in other words approximately 89%.

The annual Regional Conference was held in the Friedens Evangelical Church, Loyal, Oklahoma (Rev. G. A. Firgau, pastor), October 23-24, 1934. Rev. H. Becker, President of the District, and Rev. H. L. Streich, of St. Louis, were guest speakers.

The following resolutions passed by the Regional Conference are called to the attention of the District Conference:

1. We regret the fact that the Synod's statistical reports for 1933 distinguish between paying and non-paying members. We believe that all confirmed persons (or persons over 13) who take an active interest in the work of the church should be counted as members.

2. We petition the District Council to invite to our 1935 Kansas District Conference the churches and pastors of the Kansas and Wichita Classes of the former Reformed Church in the United States as far



as they are located within the geographical boundaries of our Kansas District.

3. Realizing that the continued incurrence of deficits must necessarily hamper the work of the church, we petition the Kansas District Conference to adopt the following regulations with regard to budget payments by the congregations:

a) That every congregation in the District be urged to introduce the annual every member canvass and the weekly duplex envelopes.

b) That the Vice-President of the District prepare and distribute to all congregations quarterly reports on budget payments made by the churches of the District.

c) That the Vice-President of the District report to the President of the District in February of each year concerning all congregations which have failed to raise in full the required and accepted quotas for the past year.

d) That the District President turn this report over to the District Judiciary with the request to cite these churches and examine carefully in each case the causes given by those churches for their neglect.

e) That the District Judiciary be required to report its findings to the District Conference, or in years when no District Conference is held, to the District Council.

f) That the District Conference or District Council, as the case may be, consider carefully the Judiciary's report and take whatever action may seem necessary or advisable.

g) The Oklahoma Region further recommends that these or similar regulations be adopted throughout the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

4. We greatly appreciate the twelve years of service which the Sunflower E. L. T. S. has given our churches. We regret that so many churches have failed to avail themselves of the advantages which this school affords. We urge all our pastors and churches to give the school their whole-hearted support. Particularly we urge that every effort be made to secure a large attendance for the 1935 session. (This resolution was unanimously adopted.)

It was moved and seconded that the above resolution be brought to the attention of the Kansas District Conference. (The motion carried unanimously.)

Outstanding events of the past year include the following:

1) Men's Congress and Young People's Rally at Kingfisher, May 27, 1934. Rev. H. L. Streich, speaker.

2) Oklahoma Sunday School and League Convention at Kingfisher, August 20-22. Guest speakers: Prof. J. Biegeleisen and Mrs. J. F. McNaughton. Attendance 114.

3) Annual Convention of the Oklahoma Women's Union Federation in El Reno, November 21, 1934.



4) Young People's Rally in Oklahoma City, February 17, 1935.

Officers of the Region elected at the Regional Conference in Loyal in October, 1934, are: President, Rev. John W. Flucke, Kingfisher; Vice-President, Mr. Henry Baade, Enid; Secretary, Rev. Paul Press, Jr., Marshall; Treasurer, Mrs. Viola Wehrenberg, Loyal.

Respectfully submitted,

*John W. Flucke, President.*

**Report of the Western Kansas Region**

The status of the Western Kansas Region during 1934 was as follows:

Fifteen churches being served by 10 pastors and 2 student pastors.

Most of the churches of this region are located in the area devastated by the drought, wind and dust storms and deserve commendation for carrying on in spite of the extremely adverse conditions.

The Western Kansas Region Conference was held at the Immanuel Evangelical Church, Ellinwood, Kansas (Rev. R. Richter, Pastor), on October 17 and 18, 1934.

The Rev. J. J. Braun, Executive Secretary of Home Missions, addressed the assembly on the following topics: "Vital Church Membership," "Membership Activity," "The Challenge of the Merger to Our Church Membership" and "Membership Growth."

The dominant note pervading all meetings of this conference was that struck by the Rev. J. J. Braun in stressing the need for vital Christian lives in this world.

The members of the Immanuel Evangelical Church of Ellinwood, especially the ladies of the congregation, ministered admirably to the comfort and well-being of those attending the conference.

The newly elected officers were solemnly and fittingly installed by the Rev. J. Endter of Hudson, Kansas.

After two days well spent all returned to their homes and churches fully resolved to lend a hand in quickening and sustaining the vital life of their respective church.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lewis G. Marx.*

**Report of the Eastern Kansas Region**

The Eastern Kansas Regional Conference met October 15, 16, 17, 1934, at the Evangelical Church, Marysville, Kansas. Rev. D. Moritz, pastor. Thirty-eight delegates and fifteen visitors attended.

Rev. J. J. Braun represented the Synod in the interest of Missions, Rev. H. L. Streich in the cause of Promotional Work. Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck of Lincoln, Nebraska, had charge of all the Devotionals. The Conference also had the pleasure of having Miss Anna Bechtold, Missionary in Honduras as their guest. Rev. A. L. Brueggemann spoke in the interest of the Synodical Recovery Plan.

The finances of the Region are in excellent condition and the Eastern Region voted to give fifty dollars out of the treasury to the Recovery Plan.

The following had charge of the Sectional Groups:



Rev. Rodenbeck .....Pastors  
 Rev. Streich .....Men's  
 Mrs. D. Moritz .....Women's  
 Rev. C. Schrupp .....Y. P. L.  
 Rev. Reifschneider .....Sunday School

The Conference was one of the best planned during the history of the Region. Much credit is due to the program Chairman, Rev. O. J. Krueger, for his fine work.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Chairman, Rev. A. F. Rinnie; Vice-Chairman, Rev. O. J. Krueger; Secretary, Mrs. F. W. Racherbaumer, Junction City; Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Eckstein, Marysville.

Respectfully submitted, *A. F. Rinne.*

### Report of the Pension Board

We are very happy to be able to report that several of the brethren have joined the Fund. There are others who have the good intention of becoming members. It is with happy anticipation that we look forward to the receiving of some applications at the district conference.

During the past year five individuals have been on our list, and have received a total of \$971.36 in Pension and Relief payments. Of the above mentioned two are widows and three pastors, of whom one received special relief only; one, emeritus, pension and relief; and a third 40% pension at the close of the year.

Pension for 1935 is to be on the same basis as for 1934. Relief had to be cut due to less income from the budget. Thus it behooves us to emphatically remind the pastors and the congregations to do their very utmost to pay their budget 100 per cent!

Respectfully submitted, *A. F. Werner, Chairman.*

### Report of Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association

My books show as of December 31, 1934:

	No. of Policies	Amount
Policies A .....	66	\$322,423.00
Policies B .....	29	44,275.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>95</b>	<b>\$366,698.00</b>
Entrance fees A .....	\$37.75	
Entrance fees B .....	5.15	
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 42.90</b>	<b>\$42.90</b>
Subsequent Assessment .....	\$ .50	.50
Assessments A .....	793.70	
Assessments B .....	70.40	
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$864.10</b>	<b>\$864.10</b>
<b>Total Amount Mailed General Secretary</b> .....		<b>\$907.50</b>
Amount of losses in the District (not quite complete due to lack of verification from the Home Office) but according to my records is .....		
		\$57.21



The 15th assessment on both A and B policies is at the same rate as in previous years. Insurance written since June, 1934, has a definite yearly premium and is payable directly to the Home Office in Burlington, Iowa, on the anniversary date of the policy. Insurance written previous to June, 1934, will have a yearly assessment which is payable through the District Inspector as of July 1 of each year until expiration date. It is your District Inspector's hope that the recent circular sent out by the Home Office to each pastor will have the desired effect of bringing in much more insurance into our own Mutual Insurance Association. No better rates are to be had anywhere, nor is there any better protection than our Association affords.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elmer G. Otte*, District Inspector.

### Report of the Elmhurst-Eden Advance

Alma, Friedens .....	\$ 675.00	\$ 46.00
Baldwin City, St. John .....	165.00	42.50
Ellinwood, Immanuel .....	485.00	150.00
Eudora, St. Paul .....	1,790.00	1,370.00
Hardtner, St. John .....	180.00	100.50
Herkimer, Immanuel .....	25.00	10.00
Holyrood, St. Paul .....	2,550.00	1,815.00
Hudson, Friedens .....	60.00	50.00
Hudson, Trinity .....	5.00	5.00
Inman, St. Peter .....	350.00	182.50
Kansas City, Zion .....	322.00	83.50
Marysville, Evangelical .....	180.00	75.00
Midland, Evangelical .....	375.00	190.50
Nickerson, First Evangelical .....	90.0	35.00
Seneca, Friedens .....	1,116.00	673.00
Wichita, Salem .....	851.50	145.00
Kingfisher, Evangelical .....	201.00	113.50
Marshall, St. Paul .....	255.00	74.00
Oklahoma, Zion .....	635.00	200.00
Total .....	\$10,320.50	\$5,361.00
Total collected from Jan. 1, 1934, to Jan. 1, 1935.....		\$2,384.00

### Synodical Recovery Plan

#### Oklahoma Region

Appointed by the District Council as Keyman for the Oklahoma Regional Conference I beg to report that all our nine churches partook in this undertaking with the following result:

El Reno .....	\$ 14.00
Enid .....	71.50
Kingfisher .....	63.25
Loyal .....	23.00
Marshall .....	90.57



Norman .....	10.00
Okeene .....	45.60
Oklahoma City .....	135.00
Tangier .....	11.25
Grand total .....	\$464.17

Thankful to the pastors and churches for their splendid cooperation and, in some instances, really sacrificial gifts, I beg to call your attention to the fact that, while the total amounts to 41.4% of our regular budget for the Synod, those six churches that always contribute their full amount to the regular budget, in this case again have shown their loyalty by contributing alone almost 83% of the grand total of \$464.17.

Respectfully submitted,

*F. E. C. Haas, Keyman.*

#### Eastern Kansas Region

As Keyman of the Eastern Kansas Region, for the Synodical Recovery Plan, I am pleased to submit the following report. The churches of the Eastern Kansas Region made contributions as follows:

Alida .....	\$ 58.00
Alma .....	63.00
Baldwin City .....	35.63
Eudora .....	13.06
Herkimer .....	42.50
Junction City .....	—
Kansas City .....	30.00
Lawrence .....	—
Leavenworth .....	—
Marysville .....	10.00
Paola .....	—
Powhattan .....	31.10
Seneca .....	—
Belvue (Wells Creek) .....	93.00
Eastern Kansas Region .....	50.00

Total .....

\$426.29

Respectfully submitted,

*A. L. Brueggemann.*

#### Western Kansas Region

The following collections were made in the Western Kansas Regional Conference during the year 1934:

Bluff City, St. Paul .....	\$ 8.00
Colby, St. John .....	31.25
Ellinwood, Immanuel .....	64.00
Hardtner, St. John .....	63.50
Herndon, Immanuel .....	41.05
Highland, Trinity .....	45.50
Holyrood, St. Paul .....	—



Hudson, Peace .....	96.00
Hudson, Trinity .....	111.50
Inman, St. Peter .....	145.00
Lincoln, Immanuel .....	55.75
Midland, Midland .....	28.50
Nickerson, First .....	11.00
Newton, Immanuel .....	73.50
Wichita, Salem .....	38.00

Total .....\$812.55

Respectfully submitted,

*Elmer G. Otte, Keyman.*

### Report of the Budget Department

#### Synodical Budget

The following tabulation discloses the budget contributions of the congregations of the Kansas District for the year 1934.

Congregation	Quota	Paid	Percent	Desig.
Alida .....	\$209.05	\$114.32	54	\$59.21
Alma .....	524.95	85.00	16	1.38
Baldwin City .....	45.65	75.00	51	80.97
Bluff City .....	94.30	106.00	112	8.00
Colby .....	98.90	—	—	31.25
Ellinwood .....	383.70	384.00	100	64.00
Eudora .....	306.00	300.00	98	23.06
Hardtner .....	129.75	154.52	119	76.05
Herkimer .....	101.20	2.75	2	76.05
Herndon .....	414.00	117.55	27	51.55
Highland .....	211.60	150.00	71	45.50
Holyrood .....	518.50	424.55	81	8.04
Hudson, Peace .....	202.40	150.00	74	96.00
Hudson, Trinity .....	242.25	242.50	100	140.90
Inman .....	279.75	124.33	44	199.50
Junction City .....	197.80	100.00	56	—
Kansas City .....	397.50	397.50	100	30.00
Lawrence .....	43.70	23.27	55	—
Leavenworth .....	112.50	42.00	37	—
Marysville .....	300.00	136.11	45	—
Newton .....	195.00	100.00	55	73.50
Midland .....	146.10	146.00	100	48.18
Nickerson .....	32.20	32.60	100	11.00
Paola .....	94.80	60.53	63	—
Powhattan .....	75.00	77.85	102	31.10
Seneca .....	352.95	160.00	45	—
Vesper .....	121.90	27.50	22	55.75
Wells Creek .....	371.00	332.89	89	93.00
Wichita .....	120.00	62.50	51	38.00
El Reno .....	34.50	34.50	100	29.35



Congregation	Quota	Paid	Percent	Desig.
Enid .....	80.00	80.00	100	97.50
Kingfisher .....	236.90	236.90	100	154.85
Loyal .....	107.65	50.12	46	23.00
Marshall .....	170.80	170.80	100	155.44
Norman .....	20.00	20.00	100	10.00
Okeene .....	216.35	177.50	81	45.60
Oklahoma City .....	216.50	216.55	100	197.45
Tangier .....	90.00	59.16	65	11.25
Special .....	—	.75	—	140.00

Our share in the synodical budget for the past year was \$7,400.00 of this amount we raised 69%. The district officers have tried to assign the quota equitably and we want to thank those who have accepted their share and tried their best to raise the amount. We find that a number of congregations have always raised their quotas and met their minimum assignments, while others, regardless of a lower or higher assignment, have not met this challenge. This again reveals that the budget can only be raised, if and when a consistent effort, directed along approved lines of church finance, is put forth in the congregations and that program supported by a spiritual interest in and love for the cause of Christ's kingdom.

May we all grow in the grace of giving for His cause.

Respectfully,

*R. F. Richter.*

	District Budget	Quota	Paid
Alida .....		\$20.90	\$20.90
Alma .....		52.50	27.00
Baldwin City .....		14.50	14.50
Bluff City .....		9.40	9.40
Colby .....		9.80	9.80
Ellinwood .....		38.40	38.70
El Reno .....		3.45	3.45
Enid .....		8.00	8.00
Eudora .....		30.65	30.65
Hardtner .....		13.00	13.00
Herkimer .....		10.10	10.10
Herndon .....		41.40	41.40
Highland .....		21.15	15.00
Holyrood .....		51.80	—
Hudson, Peace .....		20.20	20.20
Hudson, Trinity .....		24.20	24.20
Inman .....		28.00	15.00
Junction City .....		19.75	5.00
Kansas City .....		39.75	39.75
Kingfisher .....		23.69	23.69
Lawrence .....		4.40	—
Leavenworth .....		11.25	—
Loyal .....		10.75	—



	Quota	Paid
Marshall .....	17.10	17.10
Marysville .....	30.00	30.00
Midland .....	—	—
Newton .....	19.50	19.50
Nickerson .....	3.20	—
Norman .....	2.00	2.00
Okeene .....	21.65	4.00
Oklahoma City .....	21.65	21.65
Paola .....	9.45	9.45
Powhattan .....	7.50	7.50
Seneca .....	35.30	35.30
Tangier .....	9.00	—
Vesper .....	12.20	12.20
Wells Creek .....	37.10	37.40
Wichita .....	12.00	—
District share in the Kingdom Program .....		\$7400.00

#### Quotas for 1935

	Synodical Budget	District Budget	Cont'gent Fund
Alida .....	\$ 209.05	\$20.90	\$3.26
Alma .....	450.00	45.00	6.69
Baldwin City .....	145.65	14.50	1.93
Bluff City .....	94.30	9.40	1.37
Colby .....	98.90	9.80	1.05
Ellinwood .....	383.70	38.40	5.78
El Reno .....	34.50	3.45	.53
Enid .....	80.00	8.00	1.86
Eudora .....	306.65	30.65	4.06
Hardtner .....	129.75	13.00	1.47
Herkimer .....	101.20	10.10	1.68
Herndon .....	250.00	25.00	6.13
Highland .....	200.00	20.00	3.20
Holyrood .....	500.00	50.00	7.14
Hudson Peace .....	150.00	15.00	3.27
Hudson, Trinity .....	242.25	24.20	3.27
Inman .....	240.00	24.00	3.50
Junction City .....	175.00	17.50	2.98
Kansas City .....	397.50	39.75	5.32
Kingfisher .....	275.00	27.50	4.03
Lawrence .....	43.70	4.40	.63
Leavenworth .....	112.50	11.25	3.68
Loyal .....	75.00	7.50	1.26
Marshall .....	170.80	17.10	3.68
Marysville .....	500.00	50.00	8.30
Midland .....	146.10	14.60	1.47
Newton .....	200.00	20.00	2.45



	Synodical	District	Cont'gent
	Budget	Budget	Fund
Nickerson .....	32.20	3.20	.49
Norman .....	20.00	2.00	.98
Okeene .....	175.00	17.50	3.29
Oklahoma City .....	216.50	21.65	2.98
Paola .....	94.80	9.45	1.26
Powhattan .....	75.00	7.50	1.51
Seneca .....	352.95	35.30	4.98
Tangier .....	75.00	7.50	2.28
Vesper .....	121.90	12.20	1.86
Wells Creek .....	371.00	37.10	5.60
Wichita .....	150.00	17.50	4.66
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	\$7493.90	\$740.25	\$119.78

### Report of the District Treasurer

#### RECEIPTS

Refund from General Council .....	\$ 2.90
Registration Fees .....	84.00
Traveling Expense Refund .....	1.77
District Budget .....	743.89
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Total Receipts .....	\$ 832.56
Balance on Hand .....	289.47
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Total Receipts .....	\$1,122.03

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Dr. Locher, General Council .....	\$ 40.00
Chas. Hirsch, Council Meeting .....	8.38
Rev. E. Otte, Council Meeting .....	5.50
H. Willig, Council Meeting .....	2.00
A. L. Freund, Council Meeting .....	7.50
Chas. Hirsch, Conference .....	8.52
Rev. F. E. C. Haas, Trip to Colby, Kansas .....	20.00
J. Abele, Conference .....	2.80
H. Willig, Conference .....	3.20
Rev. R. Richter, Expenses .....	1.50
Rev. E. Otte, Gratification .....	25.00
Wm. Eckstein, Gratification for Janitor .....	10.00
Wm. Eckstein, Conference Registration .....	87.00
Rev. H. Becker, Gratification .....	50.00
Rev. H. Becker, Printing of Reports .....	25.00
Zion Evangelical Sunday School, Loan .....	150.00
Insurance for Treasurer .....	5.00
Safe Deposit Box .....	3.30
A. L. Freund, Salary .....	1.00
Dr. P. Press, General Conference .....	300.00



Rev. H. Vieth, General Council .....	28.81
H. Willig, General Council .....	3.20
Chas. Hirsch, General Council .....	8.52
Rev. R. Richter, Council Meeting .....	5.20
Rev. E. Otte, Council Meeting and Expenses .....	6.50
Rev. J. Endter, Council Meeting .....	5.20
Rev. A. Brueggemann, Expenses .....	10.00
Rev. H. Becker, Expenses .....	75.00
Federal Tax .....	.42
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 990.55
Balance in Hand .....	131.48
Total .....	\$1,122.03

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Freund, Treasurer.

### **Resolutions Based upon the Reports of Synodical and District Officers and Boards**

#### **Report of the President of the Synod**

1. We agree with the President that the Church of Jesus Christ needs to take inventory to see if it be true that: We as pastors and church members are resting on the laurels of the past, conforming to the world rather than to the Word of God, fearing to preach the Word of God, when it was possible that some members might be displeased; worldly methods have been taken into the church thereby impairing its influence and power. We hereby declare and affirm that to preach Christ who alone can still the hunger of the soul is the paramount business of the Church.

2. *Promotional Work.* The Kansas District feels that the promotional work done by the Executive Secretaries is of vital importance to larger Kingdom work and hereby pledges them full co-operation.

3. We joyfully greet the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and pray that the blessing of God may rest upon this union.

4. *Finance.* The Kansas District feels that we exist as an organized Church in order to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We realize that this larger Kingdom work can most effectively be done by the gifts of our constituency paid to the synodical treasury. We regret that this work has been retarded by the lack of interest shown by its many members. We wish to encourage those who have always helped, and urge those who have always neglected this vital duty, to put forth more strenuous efforts that this work might not suffer irretrievable loss.

5. *In Memoriam.* The Kansas District, in sympathy, remembers those whom the Lord has called from the church militant to the church triumphant, yet we grieve not as those who have no hope, for we believe that we shall see them again yonder where there is no more separation and no death.

6. The Kansas District extends to the Rev. Paul Press, D.D., its



heartfelt thanks for his services as President of the Evangelical Synod. To his successor, the Rev. F. C. Klick, we extend a hearty welcome and pledge to him our support and co-operation in the work of our beloved Synod.

7. We call attention to the appended letter of the President's report and recommend that the pastors of the Districts call the attention of the congregations to its contents.

#### **Eden Seminary**

We note with pleasure that the merger of the Central Reformed Seminary and Eden Theological Seminary has thus far worked out satisfactorily. We trust that Eden Seminary will take its place as the leading theological school of the middle west. We heartily endorse the field work which has been added to the curriculum, however it is our belief that the utmost care and discretion should be pursued in the placing of the students.

#### **Elmhurst College**

The accreditation of Elmhurst College is something of which we are justly proud. We urge the constituency of our church to maintain this very high standard by fulfilling the pledges already made and establishing new endowments for the school. Being of the conviction that there is a definite need for the small Christian college, we recommend that whole-hearted support be given our own denominational schools.

#### **Board of Religious Education**

We are of the opinion that a closer co-operation should be in evidence between ministers and workers in the field of Religious Education so as to safeguard against the tendency today of the church school functioning as an organization more or less apart from the church.

We recommend that the District Board of Religious Education extend an invitation to the churches of the "R" group in this area to share with us in the Sunflower E. L. T. S. at Wichita. We heartily commend this school, which is to convene at Wichita the beginning of August, to our churches and we believe that it will be well for all of our churches to be represented.

We favor the continuance of "Evangelical Day" in connection with the E. L. T. S.

We recommend to the District that the sum of \$50.00 be given to the Board of Religious Education to help them carry on their work.

In view of the helpful services rendered by the Rev. J. W. Flucke as chairman of the Board of Religious Education, we extend to him our sincere thanks.

#### **Dunkirk Board**

We rejoice in the work of the Dunkirk Board and the great usefulness of Dunkirk.

#### **Federation of Evangelical Charities**

We heartily concur in the report that the support of the charitable institutions is inadequate. We encourage the Board to solicit support in the nature of annual membership dues.



### **Evangelical League**

We commend the youth of our church on its determined stand for Christian principles in view of the great difficulties confronting the young people of our country. We recommend that the contact with the youth of the "R" group in the Kansas District be encouraged by our young people's organizations.

### **Women's Union**

We appreciate the special project work which was carried out so successfully this past year. Honorable mention is due to the women who gave so generously of their time in the promotion of field work.

### **Evangelical Brotherhood**

We are elated over the fine progress of our Brotherhood in its membership increase and also in the fact that the monthly program received national recognition at the International Council of Religious Education Convention in Chicago. We express our appreciation for the courtesy which is extended to our secretaries by the railroad companies in issuing passes.

### **Commission on Christianity and Social Problems**

1. We approve and indorse the report of the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems and highly value their educational efforts emphasizing the implications of the whole Christian Gospel in relation to our economic society.
2. Since the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems recommends the establishment of District Committees to work in co-operation with the Central Committee in order that this important work might be carried on more effectively within the Districts, we, the Kansas District, request that the District Council appoint such a committee of three members for our own district and leave the matter of revision of necessary expenses to the discretion of the District Council.
3. It is the desire of the Kansas District that the social problems receive a more prominent place in the District program.

### **Extension Fund**

The Kansas District is grateful to note that this Board has thoughtfully expended its too limited means in lending assistance where it was most urgent.

### **Pension and Relief**

The Kansas District urges all of its pastors who are not yet members of the Pension and Relief Fund to seriously consider their obligation to membership in said Fund.

### **Foreign Missions**

1. The Kansas District commends the Foreign Mission Board for its efficient way of furthering our work on the foreign mission fields.
2. We deeply feel the passing of our esteemed Executive Secretary, the Rev. Paul A. Menzel, D.D., from among us. His passing challenges us to lend our efforts to further the cause to which he unstintingly gave his all.



### **Home Missions**

1. The Kansas District appreciates the whole-hearted effort the Board of Home Missions is making to meet the unprecedented financial, economic and social conditions of our country in the spirit of Christ.

2. The Kansas District desires to take this opportunity to extend a special vote of thanks to the Rev. F. E. C. Haas who has served 10 years on the Home Missions Board of our District, nine years as chairman, and to Mr. H. W. Breymeier who has served eight years on this Board as treasurer.

### **Various Other Reports**

1. That a word of appreciation be extended to the following for their faithful efforts and results in the past year, viz.: The Board of Publications, the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association, the Board of Endowments and Trust Funds and the Treasurers of the Synod and the District.

2. Although the Synodical Recovery Plan during 1934 succeeded in actually raising only about \$25,000.00, we recommend to all those Districts and churches who have not done their share in this plan to do so and we also want to thank the Kansas District churches for contributing \$1,703.01 toward this plan.

3. The total contribution of the District during this past year to the Synodical Budget and Recovery Program amounted to \$6,878.56 and proves that with a determined will and real consecration on the part of our pastors and churches we ought to be able to raise our full budget quotas for this year, and so let us do so.

4. We ask the District Council to appoint a certain individual in each Regional Conference whose duty it will be to see to it that the Synodical and District Budget quotas are raised in the churches.

5. Expressing our deep felt regret to the Board of Endowment and Trust Funds in their great loss which they sustained in the death of their former chairman, the Rev. Wm. Grotefeld, we are nevertheless thankful that the faithful work of this Board has resulted in no serious financial losses, although the principal as well as the interest payments have been smaller than in previous years.

### **Report of the District President and Special Resolutions**

1. Resolved that all guests be welcomed among us and especially the Rev. F. C. Klick, President of the Evangelical Synod and the Rev. Dr. Paul Press, First Vice-President of the Evangelical Synod; that we ask God's blessing upon them and extend our heartfelt appreciation to them for the inspiration that we have received from them and that we pray that such inspiration may prove fruitful to us so that we can be of greater service in our Master's Kingdom.

2. Resolved that we extend to the Immanuel Evangelical Church of Newton, Kansas, and to its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs.



P. W. Kasper, our thanks and appreciation for their congeniality and hospitality.

3. Resolved that the Kansas District Conference extend a most cordial and sincere welcome who have recently entered the District. That we extend our welcome to the Rev. Mr. Ernest F. Nolte of Nicker-son as a member of the Evangelical Synod. That Mr. Fresen and Mr. Groves be commended on their excellent work at Herndon and Colby respectively.

4. Resolved that the President of the District, the Rev. H. Becker, and his associate officers be complimented and thanked for their excellent work.

5. *Regional Conferences.* We note that all of the Regions of the Kansas District have held successful conferences and hope that real spiritual benefits have been derived.

6. *Executive Secretary of the General Council.* We recommend that the Lenten Pamphlet, as published by our Synod be continued as a Synodical publication.

7. We recommend that the Kansas District Council appoint a man in each Region to support and carry on the work of the proposed Kingdom Service Work.

8. We recommend that the Kansas District Conference commend the Rev. H. P. Vieth and his staff on their excellent work and services.

9. The resolution of the Ministerium, namely, that the Ministerium recommends to the District Conference that the District pay the Pension premium of Brother J. Kaiser for this year and that the District reimburse the Rev. H. Becker for the amount he has advanced. This was carried.

10. Since the Rev. H. Becker has served the Kansas District in the capacity of President for eight years and in various other offices of importance, we feel that the District has been enriched by his contributions of leadership and advice, therefore be it resolved:

That the Kansas District extend to him its deepest appreciation and sincerest thanks, praying that the grace of God may rest upon him as a reward for his unselfish labors in our behalf.

11. That the Kansas District go on record as expressing its appreciation to the Rev. O. Nussmann for his scholarly and thoroughly prepared Bible studies, marked by a matured understanding of the great truths of religion and pervaded by a fine spirituality, which admirably served the purpose of fixing our attention at regular intervals upon the great truths of our Christian faith and the great commission to which the Church of Jesus Christ must forever be dedicated.

### **Traveling Expenses and Excuses**

Travel expense was apportioned at the rate of one cent per mile per pastor and two cents per mile per delegate.

A. For delegates the average was \$5.70 and for pastors, \$3.05.

B. The Rev. B. Slupianek and the churches at Norman and Lawrence were excused from attendance at the conference and participa-



tion in travel expense. Mr. Lester Colle was excused for part time from the conference.

The following congregations were not excused from the conference nor from participation in traveling expense:

1. El Reno, 2. Okeene, 3. Tangier, 4. Paola, 5. Hudson (Trinity), 6. Herkimer, 7. Junction City.

### **Visitors**

The Rev. F. C. Klick, President of the Evangelical Synod of N. A. and the Rev. Dr. Paul Press, First Vice-President of the Evangelical Synod of N. A.

### **Received into Membership of the Evangelical Synod**

The Rev. E. F. Nolte of Nickerson, Kansas, who had made application to the District Council and had been recommended by the Ministerium of the Kansas District.

### **Elections**

A. District Officers: President, the Rev. R. F. Richter, Ellinwood, Kansas; Vice-President, the Rev. D. H. Moritz, Marysville, Kansas; Secretary, the Rev. A. F. Werner, Hardtner, Kansas; Treasurer, Mr. A. L. Freund, 2904 Parkwood Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas. Pastor on the District Council, the Rev. H. Becker, Kansas City, Kansas.

B. Home Mission Board: The Rev. O. Krueger (1941), Mr. W. C. Homeier (1941), the Rev. Paul Press, Jr., (1937).

C. Board of Religious Education: The Rev. H. Reifschneider (1941), Mr. Carson Storm (1941), the Rev. F. E. C. Haas (1939), the Rev. Walter Press (1937).

D. District Judiciary: The Rev. O. Nussmann (1937).

E. Moderator of the Conference: The Rev. R. F. Richter; Vice-Moderator, the Rev. D. H. Moritz.

F. Appointments by the District Council: Keymen for the Regions: Eastern, the Rev. A. L. Brueggemann; Western, the Rev. O. Nussmann; Oklahoma, the Rev. Paul Press, Jr.

Chairmen of the Program Committee of the Regions; Eastern, the Rev. H. Reifschneider; Western, the Rev. P. W. Kasper; Oklahoma, the Rev. E. Beier.

Kingdom Service Committee: Chairman, The Rev. R. F. Richter; Eastern, the Rev. H. Becker; Western, the Rev. A. Werner; Oklahoma, the Rev. F. E. C. Haas.

Committee on Christianity and Social Problems: Chairman, The Rev. E. F. Nolter, the Rev. H. Reifschneider and the Rev. Walter Press.

District Pension Committee: The Rev. A. F. Werner.

### **Services and Devotions**

On Monday, May 6, the Rev. F. C. Klick brought the message challenging us to prove our love to the Master based on John 21: 16 "Lov-



est thou me more than these?" The local pastor, the Rev. P. W. Kasper, served at the altar and assisted with the communion service.

On Wednesday night the Rev. Dr. Paul Press, D.D., was the speaker, using Philippians 4: 17 as his text and "The Value Which God Places Upon the Fruits of Our Efforts" as his subject. The Rev. R. F. Richter served at the altar and the District Officers were installed by the Rev. Dr. Press. The choir of the local church rendered fitting musical selections for these services.

On Tuesday evening Sister Frieda Kauffmann of Newton addressed the conference speaking of her impressions of European churches and church life.

The Rev. G. A. Firgau, D.D., gave the memorial address on Tuesday morning based on 1 Cor. 13: 12. His address was deeply spiritual, impressing upon us that the human soul is too noble to be lost, too valuable in God's scheme of things to go by the way.

The daily devotions were in charge of the Rev. O. Nussmann who used the general subject "The Greater Task of the Church, a Challenge to Our Membership." His topic was: "From Duty to Love," Matt. 20: 1-4 and Mark 14: 12-16. His second topic: "Living Stones in a Spiritual House," 1 Peter 2: 3-5. He combined his two remaining subjects "The Christian Life in Repose and Action" and "Our Parish, the World."

The conference adjourned after the evening service on Wednesday evening, May 8, at 9:00 P. M.

*Elmer G. Otte, Secretary*  
*R. F. Richter, Moderator*  
*H. Becker, President.*



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**48th CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**MICHIGAN DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**  
Held in  
**St. John's Evangelical Church, Jackson, Mich.**  
Rev. O. W. Wagner, Pastor  
**June 11-13, 1935**

**Congregations of the District**

**Ann Arbor Regional Conference**

Albion, Salem	Lansing, St. Paul
Ann Arbor, Bethlehem	Manchester, Emanuel
Chelsea, St. Paul	Owosso, St. John
Dexter, St. Andrew	Rogers Corners, St. John
Francisco, St. John	Saline, St. James
Freedom Tp., Bethel	Saline, St. Paul
Jackson, St. John	

**Detroit Regional Conference**

Adair, Evangelical	Trinity
Bad Axe, St. John	Zion
Clyde Tp., St. Paul	Farmington, Salem
Casco, St. James	Forestville, Unity
Detroit:	Fraser, Zion
Bethany	Lenox-Richmond, First Evangelical
Bethel	Marine City, St. John
Christ	Mt. Clemens, Zion
Emanuel	Pontiac, Bethel
Grace	Port Hope, Reformed
Messiah	Port Huron, St. John
St. John	Royal Oak, Emanuel
St. Luke	Saginaw, Immanuel
St. Mark	St. Mark
St. Matthew	Taylor Center, St. Paul
St. Paul	Warren, St. Paul
St. Peter (Lawndale)	Wyandotte, St. John
St. Peter (Gratiot)	



### Michigan City Regional Conference

Andrews, St. Paul	LaPorte, St. Paul
Beaver Tp., St. James	Medaryville, St. John
Bippus, St. John	Michigan City, St. John
Bourbon, St. Paul	San Pierre, St. Luke
Bremen, First Evangelical	Urbana, St. Peter
Chesterton, St. John	Wabash, St. Matthew
Francesville, Salem	Wanatah, Salem
Lafayette, St. John	

### St. Joseph Regional Conference

Bainbridge, St. Paul	Niles, St. John
Baroda, Zion	Petoskey, Immanuel
Elkhart, St. John	Pipestone, Zion
Galien, St. Peter	St. Joseph, St. Peter
Grand Haven, St. Paul	Zion
Grand Haven Tp., St. Peter	South Bend, St. Peter
Grand Rapids, St. John	Zion
Mishawaka, St. Andrew	Three Oaks, St. John
Muskegon, St. John	Wakarusa, Zion
New Buffalo, St. John	Woodland, St. John

The Conference of the Michigan District was held in Jackson on June 11 to 13 at St. John's Evangelical Church, Rev. O. W. Wagner, pastor.

From the report of the President, Rev. Jacob Wulfmann, we take the following. The district has 76 ordained pastors and 85 churches. Twelve churches are not members of the Synod. Eleven pastors are retired and two are heads of institutions in the district.

Death came to Rev. F. Boehm, Dr. F. Mayer, Rev. Jacob Doellefeldt, Rev. John Schaible, Emma Ruth Wulfmann.

#### Resolutions of note:

Due to the fact that we have a district debt to the Synod of \$474.31, we instruct our President to appoint a committee of one whose duty it shall be to collect from the congregations in the following way: \$1 from each congregation having membership of less than fifty. \$2 from each congregation having from fifty to one hundred members. \$3 from congregations having from one hundred to one hundred and fifty members and \$1 for each additional fifty members.

The District instructs the District President to set aside a Sunday to be known as Kingdom Obligation Sunday—on which the facts regarding the obligation of local churches to the synodical and district needs shall be presented.

Due to the fact that the District Offering does not cover the district expenses, we call upon the District Council to follow the synodical constitution by determining and apportioning the District Budget—which it will be the duty of each church to meet.

We are glad of the pending visit to our District of Missionary M. P. Davis. The execution of our part in this we refer to the District Council.



The Michigan District assures Grace Church, Detroit, of its sincere interest in its great venture of securing funds for the erection of an adequate church building and grants Grace Church the privilege of approaching pastors of our various congregations with a view of soliciting aid from certain individuals within that congregation.

We are gratified to know that four missions have declared themselves to be self-supporting.

Out of deference for those who have for many years faithfully read the Friedensbote, we respectfully petition the Board of Publications to retain its present type and also, if possible, its present name.

The Michigan District humbly requests the Eden Publishing House to reduce, if possible, the cost to the churches of the Elmhurst and Evangelical Hymnals.

Resolved that the Michigan District go on record as recommending to the General Council the creation of a Social Actions Committee whose task it shall be to keep pastors and congregations informed with factual materials as to vital social issues and problems and to suggest methods of approach to the solution of these problems through the local congregations.

The District is aware of the general apathy within the churches toward Brotherhood work and therefore appeals for a general revival of interest in this work.

The Michigan District appreciates the sacrifices made by the Rev. F. C. Klick in taking the office of President General at this time, and pledges wholehearted support.

Our District is painfully conscious of its failure even approximately to meet the just demands made upon it by the greater church and feels that a call to contrition and repentance is in order.

The District expresses itself as *not* in favor of the Charity Fund Plan as submitted on page 150 of the Report of the Federation of Evangelical Charities.

We recommend to the District Council that the next conference be held for four complete days to allow time for both inspiration and business.

The Michigan Council of Churches and Religious Education is planning the first Michigan State Pastors' Convocation (patterned after the noted Ohio Pastors' Convention) to be held in the coming winter. Be it resolved that we, the Michigan District Conference, heartily endorse this plan and encourage this interdenominational fellowship.

Moved, that we accept the gracious invitation to convene at First Evangelical Church, Richmond, Michigan, for our 1936 Special District Conference.

### **Elections and Appointments**

District President, Rev. Edwin Mayer; Vice-President, Rev. A. P. Hardt; Secretary, Rev. Victor P. Frohne; Treasurer, Emil Schwartz.

District Council: Rev. Theo. Schmale (1937); Wm. C. Hacker, Mt. Clemens (1939); E. P. Grossman, Jackson (1941).



General Council: Rev. Wulfmann and Mr. Tonn, Michigan City (expires 1937).

Religious Education: Pastors Ernst, Lawrenz, Seibert.

Home Missions: Stanger (1939), Mr. A. Eisen (1939), Pastors E. Spat-helf and C. C. Haag (1941), Mr. Kalz (1937).

Pension and Relief: Rev. C. Howe (1939), Rev. C. Hanneberg (1937), Mr. Chas. Schafer, Port Huron (1941).

Foreign Missions: Rev. W. Goffeney (1937), Rev. W. Witt (1939), Rev. F. C. Schmidt (1941).

District Judiciary: Rev. C. Hanneberg, Rev. E. J. Soell, Rev. Wm. Howe, Edward Miller, George Streng (expires 1937).

Insurance: Rev. L. Kleber.

Board of Examiners: Rev. Theo. Schmale, Rev. F. R. Schreiber, Rev. C. C. Haag.

Orphans' Home Board: Rev. Wm. Howe.

Deaconess Hospital: Rev. E. Brenion.

Women's Union: Rev. H. Totzke.

Brotherhood: Rev. A. G. Frohne.

Young People: Rev. E. Soell, W. Bauman, Esther Landwehr.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**45th CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**MINNESOTA DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**  
Held in  
**St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Duluth, Minn.**  
George J. Low, Pastor  
**June 11-14, 1935**

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The conference of the Minnesota District was held June 11-14 in St. Paul's Church, Duluth, Minnesota, Rev. Geo. J. Low, pastor. The opening worship, also a communion service, was held on Tuesday evening. Rev. John Bunge of Plato, Minnesota, preached, basing his words on Joshua 7: 10. On Wednesday evening Rev. J. J. Braun of St. Louis, Executive Secretary of Home Missions of our Synod, preached, challenging the conference to greater Kingdom efforts in America. At the closing service on Thursday evening, Rev. Fred Iseli of New Ulm, Minn., preached. At the close of the service the Dr. Louis Goebel of Chicago, First Vice-President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, spoke briefly, and then installed the newly-elected officers of the District.

Devotions were conducted each morning by the Rev. Erwin Bode of Minneapolis. Following the devotions on the first morning, roll call and the report of the committee on credentials paved the way for the business of the conference. 41 pastors and 41 lay delegates were present. Rev. J. M. Munz, President of the District, was elected Moderator and Rev. Otto A. Muecke, Vice-President of the District, Vice-Moderator.

The conference was privileged to have among its speakers and guests the Dr. Louis Goebel of Chicago, and the Rev. J. J. Braun of St. Louis. Dr. Goebel gave a resume of the developments in the union of the Reformed Church and the Evangelical Synod, as also an address on the Synod's Financial Problems and Obligations. Rev. Braun spoke on "Home Mission Tasks of the Evangelical and Reformed Church." Rev. George J. Low read a paper on "Church Finances, especially in regard to raising the Congregation's Quota toward the Synodical Budget."

On each of the three afternoons the local broadcasting station, WEBC, kindly donated fifteen minutes for brief talks. These were given by Rev. A. O. Mann of New Salem, N. Dak., Rev. J. J. Braun of



St. Louis, and Dr. Louis Goebel of Chicago. Through the efforts of our hosts the Conference was privileged to spend Thursday afternoon at the Northeast Experimental Farm of the Minnesota Agricultural College, a few miles from the city of Duluth. Dinner and supper were served there that day, and late in the afternoon a tour of inspection of the farm was made.

### Pastors of the District

Awiszus, H. M., (New Rome) R. 2, Arlington, Minn.  
\*Baumann, B. R., Fergus Falls, Minn.  
Becker, E. J., Minnesota Lake, Minn.  
Bode, Erwin H., Minneapolis, Minn.  
Boesch, T. L., St. Paul, Minn.  
Bojand, Chr., Cottage Grove., Minn.  
Bratzel, G. G., Faribault, Minn.  
Broetzmann, Elmer, Tulare, S. Dak.  
Bunge, J. H., Plato, Minn.  
Bunge, W. W., Rochester, Minn.  
Dietrich, P. F., Eyota, Minn.  
Eitel, Jos. (Em.), Sebeka, Minn.  
Eyrich, Otto G. A., (Dresselville) Le Sueur, Minn.  
Fontana, J., Wells, Minn.  
Grabowski, Walter M., Rochester, Minn.  
Grollmus, Aug. F., Little Falls, Minn.  
\*Grupe, Victor, Barnsville, Minn.  
Hafermann, E. N., (near Plato) Plato, Minn.  
Helm, A. E. (Em.), St. Paul, Minn.  
Herrlinger, J. G., Albany, Minn.  
Heutzenroeder, H. H., Bertha, Minn.  
Holz, M., St. Cloud, Minn.  
Iseli, Fred R., New Ulm, Minn.  
Klein, F. C., Eitzen, Minn.  
Kniker, A., Taylor, Minn.  
Koch, Erwin R., St. Paul, Minn.  
Koch, John, Lake Elmo, Minn.  
Koch, Karl, St. Paul, Minn.  
Koring, Wm., (Wheeling) Faribault, Minn.  
Lammert, Louis, (Oak Grove) Prescott, Wisc.  
Low, Geo. J., Duluth, Minn.  
Mann, A. O., Henderson, Minn.  
Meier, J. H., Hankinson, Minn.  
Merz, Ed., Delano, Minn.  
Merzdorf, Wm., Faribault, Minn.  
Meyer, Wm. (Em.), Faribault, Minn.  
Mittler, F. J., Ellsworth, Wis.  
Muecke, Otto A., Le Sueur, Minn.  
Munz, J. M., Hebron, North Dak.  
Peper, M., Perham, Minn.  
Quarder, P. (Em.), Norwood, Minn.



Radloff, Henry, Welcome, Minn.  
 Rapp, Otto, Norwood, Minn.  
 Reidenbach, R., Elkton, South Dak.  
 Riemann, Wm. J., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Schmidt, Wm., (near Judson) Judson, S. Dak.  
 Stech, E. J., Fairmont, Minn.  
 Seybold, Martin L., New Salem, N. Dak.  
 Suedmeyer, Louis, LaPointe, Wis.  
 Weltge, P. W., Biscay, Minn.  
 Wullschleger, G. (Em.), New Salem, N. Dak.  
 Zeyher, C. H., Brownsville, Minn.  
 Zeyher, K., St. Cloud, Minn.

\* Not yet members of the Synod.

## Roster of Congregations of the Minnesota District According to Regions

### Central Region

Town—Congregation—Pastor—Delegate  
 New Ulm, Friedens—Fred R. Iseli—Herm. Albrecht  
 Nicollet, Friedens—Fred R. Iseli—  
 Essig, Friedens—Fred R. Iseli—  
 Le Sueur, Zion—Otto A. Muecke—Fred Seiler  
 Dresselville, St. Paul—Otto G. A. Eyrich—Aug. E. Denzer  
 Tyrone Tp., Salem—Otto G. A. Eyrich—  
 Arlington, Johannes—H. M. Awiszus—  
 Plato, St. Paul—J. H. Bunge—Louis Bandemer  
 Near Plato, Friedens—E. N. Hafermann—John J. Hoof  
 Norwood, Friedens—Otto Rapp—Ernest Meyer  
 Henderson, St. Paul—A. O. Mann—  
 Glencoe, Evangelical—J. H. Bunge—Chas. Schultz  
 Biscay, St. John—P. W. Weltge—Rol. Jungclaus  
 Lester Prairie, Evangelical—(Vacant)—R. Splettstazer  
 Delano, Evangelical—Ed. Merz—W. Hoernemann  
 Lynn Twp., Trinity—Otto Rapp—Carl Otto  
 Hector, Friedens—J. H. Bunge—  
 Albion, Bethlehem—(Vacant)—  
 Litchfield, St. Matthew—(Vacant)—Otto Rosenow  
 Annandale, Immanuel—(Vacant)—  
 Eden Valley, Friedens—(Vacant)—Christ Arnold  
 Near Norwood—Zion—Otto Rapp—Alb. Herrmann  
 Tulare, South Dak, Salem—Elmer Broetzmann—  
 Turtle Creek, S. Dak., St. John—Elmer Broetzmann—

### Twin City Region

Minneapolis, Faith—Erwin H. Bode—F. C. Zadach  
 Minneapolis, St. John—Wm. J. Riemann—L. W. Heinemann  
 St. Paul, St. John—T. L. Boesch—



St. Paul—Karl Koch, Erwin R. Koch—Phil. C. Justus  
 Medicine Lake, Immanuel—Wm. J. Riemann—  
 Stillwater, Petri—T. L. Boesch—  
 Lake Elmo, Lukas—John Koch—Fred Stein  
 Oak Grove (Prescott, Wis.), St. John—Louis Lammert, Theo. Haeckel  
 Ellsworth, Wis., St. Paul—F. J. Mittler—Geo. Hauschildt  
 Cottage Grove, St. Matthew—Chr. Boland—Valentine Goebel  
 Faribault, Lukas—G. G. Bratzel—Ed. Kiel  
 Wheeling (Faribault), St. John—Wm. Koring—H. F. Luebke  
 Kenyon, Matthaeus—Wm. Koring—

#### Southern Region

Welcome, St. Paul—Hy. Radloff—G. O. Gerhardt  
 Ceylon, St. John—Hy. Radloff—  
 Fairmont, St. John—E. J. Stech—Wm. Schubert  
 Minnesota Lake, Church of Peace—E. J. Becker—  
 Vivian Twp, Zeor—J. Fontana—  
 Near Minnesota Lake (Wells), St. Paul—J. Fontana—  
 Pleasant Prairie, St. Paul—H. Radloff—Carl Thate  
 Rochester, Church of Peace—W. M. Grabowski—Wm. Behnken  
 Eyota, St. Paul—P. F. Dietrich—Fred Lahmers  
 Lewiston, St. Paul—W. M. Grabowski—Peter Nussloch  
 St. Charles—St. John—P. F. Dietrich—  
 Eitzen, St. Lucas—F. C. Klein—Edward Deters  
 Brownsville, Zion—C. H. Zeyher—  
 Crooked Creek, Zion—C. H. Zeyher—Phil. H. Elsheimer  
 Hokah, Zion—C. H. Zeyher—  
 Millville, Grace—W. W. Bunge  
 Theilman, St. Paul—W. W. Bunge  
 North Star, Evangelical-Peace—E. J. Stech—  
 St. James, Peace—E. J. Stech—  
 Elkton, S. Dak, Peace—R. Reidenbach—Geo. Schmidt

#### Northwestern Region

Duluth, St. Paul—Geo. Low—Edwin Martini  
 Hermantown, St. Paul—Geo. Low—  
 LaPointe, Wis., St. John—Louis Suedmeyer—Theo. Bissell  
 Pike River, Wis. (Delta, Wis.), St. Paul—Louis Suedmeyer—  
 Little Falls, St. John—Aug. F. Grollmus—Aug. Kuesel  
 St. Cloud, Friedens—M. Holz—Henry Blau  
 Minden Twp., Christ—M. Holz—  
 Albany, Ebenezer—J. G. Herrlinger—  
 Perham, Zion—M. Peper—  
 Dora, St. John—M. Peper—  
 Wadena, St. Paul—M. Peper—  
 Bertha, Peace—H. H. Heutzenroeder—  
 Long Prairie, Zion—H. H. Heutzenroeder—  
 Fergus Falls, Evangelical—B. R. Bauman—Herman Fischer  
 Barnsville, Evangelical—Victor Grupe—



Hankinson, D. Dak., Immanuel—J. H. Meier—Fred Worner  
Lidgerwood, N. Dak., St. John—J. H. Meier—  
Hammer, S. Dak., St. John—J. H. Meier

#### **Missouri Slope Region**

Hebron, N. Dak., St. John—J. M. Munz—Conrad Klick  
New Salem, N. Dak., Friedens—Martin L. Seybold—Carl Jahnke  
Taylor, N. Dak., Immanuel—A. Kniker—Dietrich Dohrmann  
Near New Salem, N. Dak., Bethel—Wm. Schmidt—

### **Conference Resolutions**

#### **Report of District President**

1. The District most heartily agrees with our President in order to do justice to the tasks and problems as they confront the church, that we must look to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for wisdom, guidance, strength and courage.
2. The District urges the congregations to remember the St. Paul Old People's Home in St. Paul, and the St. Lucas Hospital in Faribault with gifts of produce at harvest time and cash offerings at Christmas.
3. The District thankfully accepts the invitation of the St. John's Congregation in Minneapolis for the 1936 Conference.
4. The District instructs its president to express its sincere thanks to the entertaining St. Paul's Congregation of Duluth, the pastor and family for the generous hospitality shown us while in their midst.

#### **Home Missions**

1. We express our gratitude to the workers who have so sacrificially devoted themselves to home mission tasks, and have accomplished worthwhile and outstanding results despite limited funds.
2. The District rejoices and gladly pays tribute to the continued splendid support given home missions by the Women's Union, and encourages the Women of the Minnesota District to continue such support.
3. The Minnesota District urges its pastors and churches to give serious consideration to the suggestions for schools of missions in the local churches, and to the other plans for Missionary Education recommended by the Council for Missionary Education. It also urges liberal use of the various missionary publications of both the Evangelical and the Reformed Boards.

#### **Foreign Missions**

1. The Minnesota District recognizes the great loss to the cause of foreign missions in the death of Dr. Paul A. Menzel and expresses its sincere sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.
2. It is the opinion of the Minnesota District that no worthier successor to Dr. Menzel could be found than the Rev. F. A. Goetsch, and we do solemnly pledge our support to him and the cause he represents, invoking God's blessing on him and his work.
3. We consider it a distinct blessing of God that our foreign mission fields have grown in the number of converts in spite of a decreased number of workers and the unusual financial handicaps of the past few years.



### General Resolutions

1. We are gratified to note with what expediency and harmony the combination and co-ordination of the several phases of Christian Education in the Evangelical and Reformed Church are being effected. We urge that this spirit of close co-operation be fostered in every locality of the United Church.

2. We are happy that the North Star E. L. T. S. has been re-established, and hope for a large attendance from our churches at the Gustavus Adolphus College Campus in St. Peter.

3. Since the *India Reader* undertaking of the young people is definitely a Minnesota project, we urge all our congregations to be mindful of the financial responsibility which must be met. It is imperative that every league or congregation send in a contribution for this worthy undertaking.

4. The District appreciates the good work of the Treasurer of the Synod, Mr. F. A. Keck.

5. The District, conscious of the fact that the church needs to act as a leaven for the social, economic and political welfare of the people, hereby creates a commission of three members to work within the District at various conferences and conventions.

6. We would recommend to the Council for Home Missions newly to be formed, and consisting of the Board for Home Missions and the Board for Church Building, that wherever there are two struggling churches in any community, that they be merged and placed in charge of one pastor, thus limiting the expenses.

7. We fully realize that the Extension Fund Board has carried on its work successfully with the funds available and we hereby express our appreciation of their noble service rendered the Synod.

8. We recommend the efforts which are being put forth by the faculty of Eden Theological Seminary to link the work of the classroom more concretely to the problems of the Christian ministry by the extension of field work.

9. We rejoice in the merger of Central Seminary with Eden Seminary, and are confident that the union of the teaching personnel and the reconstruction of the curriculum will enhance the effectiveness of academic work.

10. We also commend the increasing tendency toward inter-denominational and interracial fellowship.

11. The Minnesota District would also be included in the group of districts that would assume special responsibility toward Elmhurst College.

12. We express our appreciation for the work done by Dr. Paul Press as President of the Evangelical Synod until his resignation. To the present incumbent, Rev. F. C. Klick, we extend our good wishes and pray for him the blessings of the Lord in guiding the affairs of the Synod.

13. In reference to the Lenten Pamphlet for 1935 we note with



gratification the disposal of 80,000 copies of this worthy publication and trust that its future sales may soon make it self-supporting.

14. Be it resolved that in spite of financial losses the Minnesota District favors the continuance of the Chicago branch of Eden Publishing House.

15. We recommend to the next General Synod of 1936 that the faculties of the seminaries be authorized to edit a theological magazine or journal which will offer material that is really of theological nature, which is not found in existing publications.

16. We approve the suggestion of the Historical Commission to continue the functioning of the Historical Commission of our own group even after the union has been fully consummated.

17. Resolved that the District thanks its outgoing officers for the faithful services rendered to this body during trying years.

### **Received into Membership of Synod**

Upon recommendation of the District Board of Examiners and with the approval of the District Council, Rev. Elmer Broetzmann, Rev. Louis Suedmeyer and Rev. Chr. Boland were received into the membership of the Minnesota District and the Evangelical Synod of North America. The last named was received pending final action of the Synodical Board of Directors.

### **Traveling Expense**

The average traveling expense for the pastors was \$7.05, for lay delegates, \$10.05.

### **Excuses**

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Excuses the following were excused both from attending the Conference and from participation in traveling expenses:

Pastors: W. W. Bunge, Wm. Schmidt, E. W. Hafermann.

Congregations: Evangelical, Barnesville, Minn.; Zion, Perham, Minn.; Bethel, Judson, N. Dak.; St. Paul, Wadena, Minn.; Salem, Turtle Creek, S. Dak.; Peace, Bertha, Minn.; Zion, Round Prairie, Minn.; St. Peter, Stillwater, Minn.

Rev. H. Heutzenroeder was excused from participation in the conference, but not in the traveling expense.

### **Elections**

#### **Officers and Boards (In effect June, 1935)**

*District Council:* President, Rev. Otto A. Muecke, 400 S. 2nd St., Le Sueur, Minn. (1937); Vice-President, Rev. Wm. Riemann, 2307 24th Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn. (1937); Secretary, Rev. Erwin H. Bode, 4040 Portland Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. (1937); Treasurer, Rev. Wm. Koring, Route 2, Faribault, Minn. (1937); Members-at-large, Rev. John Bunge, Plato, Minn. (Budget Secretary) (1937); Mr. Herman Albrecht, Route 1, New Ulm, Minn. (1941); Mr. Wm. Noll, Norwood, Minn. (4 years) (1939).

#### **COUNCIL**

*General Council:* Rev. J. M. Munz, Hebron, N. Dak., and Mr. Phil. Justus, St. Paul, Minn.



*Judiciary:* Pastors—Otto G. A. Eyrich, Le Sueur, Minn.; F. C. Klein, Eitzen, Minn.; J. M. Munz, Hebron, N. Dak. Laymen—Andrew Frank, Norwood, Minn.; Ed. Mayer, Lake Elmo, Minn.

*Home Mission Board:* Pastors—Erwin R. Koch, 1365 N. Hamline Ave., St. Paul, Minn. (1937); George Low, 219 10th Ave., E., Duluth, Minn. (1941); Louis Lammert, Prescott, Wis. (1937). Laymen—Robert Hellberg, Route 1, Nerstrand, Minn. (1939); Fred Heinemann, Minneapolis, Minn. (1937); Fred Endorff, Prescott, Wis. (1941).

### Appointments

(Each till 1937)

*Pension Board:* Pastors—Ed. Merz, Delano, Minn.; J. J. Herrlinger, Albany, Minn. Layman—Mr. Edwin A. Martini, 4232 W. 8th St., Duluth, Minn.

*Examination Committee:* Pastors—J. Fontana, Wells, Minn.; E. J. Becker, Minnesota Lake, Minn.; Erwin Koch, St. Paul, Minn. Laymen—W. Koelle, Faribault, Minn.; F. C. Zadach, 3101 Bloomington Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn.

*Foreign Mission Board:* Pastors—J. H. Meier, Hankinson, N. Dak.; J. Koch, Lake Elmo, Minn. Layman: Conrad Klick, Hebron, N. Dak.

*Brotherhood:* Pastors—G. G. Bratzel, Faribault, Minn.; W. M. Grabowski, Rochester, Minn. Laymen—Elmer Justus, St. Paul, Minn.; A. G. Schadewald, Duluth, Minn.

*Women's Union:* Pastors—Louis H. Lammert, Prescott, Wis. Laywomen—Mrs. G. G. Bratzel, Faribault, Minn.; Mrs. Karl Koch, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. H. C. Dressel, Le Sueur, Minn.

*Historical Commission:* Rev. E. Stech, Fairmont, Minn.; Rev. Elmer Broetzmann, Tulare, S. Dak.

*Evangelization:* Rev. P. Weltge, Hutchinson, Minn.; Rev. Aug. Grollmus, Little Falls, Minn.

*District Inspector—Fire Insurance:* Rev. J. Fontana, Route 5, Wells, Minn.

*Commission on Christianity and Social Problems:* Rev. T. Boesch, St. Paul, Minn.; Rev. F. J. Mittler, Ellsworth, Wis.

*Kingdom Service Committee:* Rev. Otto A. Muecke, Le Sueur, Minn.; Rev. J. H. Meier, Hankinson, N. Dak.; Rev. Geo. J. Low, Duluth, Minn.; Rev. A. O. Mann, Henderson, Minn.; Rev. Martin Seybold, New Salem, N. Dak.; Rev. W. M. Grabowski, Rochester, Minn.

*Religious Education:* Rev. Fred Iseli, 22 N. State St., New Ulm, Minn.; Mr. Raymond Fruechte, Caledonia, Minn.; Miss Carolyn Mueller, St. Paul, Minn.; Miss Evelyn Piepho, Faribault, Minn.; Rev. T. L. Boesch, 359 King St., St. Paul, Minn.

Adjournment followed. The closing prayer was spoken by Dr. L. Goebel.

Respectfully submitted,

Erwin H. Bode,

Read and approved:

Secretary of the Minnesota District.

J. M. Munz, Moderator

Otto A. Muecke, President



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**46th CONFERENCE**  
of the  
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of the  
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**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**  
Held at  
**Salem Evangelical Church**  
Shreve and Margaretta Aves.  
**St. Louis, Mo.**  
**April 30 to May 2, 1935**  
Rev. J. H. Overbeck, Pastor

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The 46th Conference of the Missouri District convened at Salem Evangelical Church, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. J. H. Overbeck, Pastor, from Tuesday, April 30, 1935, until Thursday, May 2, 1935.

The Conference was opened with a Communion Service at 10:00 A. M. on Tuesday, April 30, at which the Rev. F. E. J. Schenk, of Union, Mo., delivered the meditation on the texts, 1 Corinthians 11: 26 and John 6: 53-56. The Rev. A. Alberswerth of Mehlville, Mo., had charge of the Communion Service and was assisted in the administration of the Blessed Sacrament by the Revs. Schenk and Overbeck.

At the business session of the morning, the Revs. O. A. Kienker, President, and A. Alberswerth, Vice-President, were elected as Moderator and Vice-Moderator, respectively, of the Conference.

The afternoon of the first day was given over to Committee meetings, and at 4:30 P. M. the Conference again assembled for the annual Memorial Service led by the Rev. Prof. W. Baur, D.D.

The evening service on Tuesday, was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Overbeck, pastor loci, the sermon being delivered by the Rev. F. C. Klick, President of Synod, on the topic "Lovest Thou Me?"

Opening devotions on Wednesday, May 1, were conducted by the Rev. Ralph Weisser, of Cape Girardeau, on the topic "Make Love Your Aim."

Retreats for the Clergy and for Laymen, were then held, the Clergy being addressed by the Rev. Prof. S. D. Press, D.D., on "The Christian Pastor." Drs. Wm. Lampe, of Philadelphia, Pa., and J. Lentz, of Collegeville, Pa., members of the Reformed group in our church brought greetings to the Clergy. At the Laymen's Retreat, papers



were read by the Rev. H. P. Vieth on "Church Members and the Synodical Program," by Mr. Roger Oake on "The Christian and Life Problems," by the Rev. S. Schmiechen on "The Christian and His Community."

The service on Wednesday evening was conducted by the Rev. Paul Wobus of Manchester, Mo., and the sermon on the topic "The Present Objectives of Home Missions" was delivered by the Rev. J. J. Braun, Executive Secretary of the Central Board for Home Missions.

Morning devotions on Thursday, May 2, were conducted by the Rev. Adie Petzoldt, of High Ridge, Mo., on the topic "The Living Christ." The Rev. Dr. Geo. Gibson of the First Congregational Church of Webster Groves, Mo., addressed the Conference on "Dilemmas of Protestantism."

At the final evening service, the liturgy was conducted by the Rev. Prof. H. H. Wernecke, D.D., and the sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. F. Frankenfeld, of Elmhurst, Ill., on the topic, "Are We Ready for the Larger Task?" The Rev. Paul Press, D.D., First Vice-President of Synod, installed the newly elected officers and members of the District Council.

### **Churches and Pastors of the Missouri District and Lay-Delegates to the Conference**

#### **Hermann Region**

Place	Church	Pastor	Delegate
Bay	St. Paul	R. Lucke	Louis Niebruegge
Bay	Zion	G. F. Hahn	Louis Witte
Bem	St. John	C. Bohnenkamper	L. E. Schultz
Berger	St. John	A. Idecker	L. C. Rathert
Big Berger	Bethany	R. Lorenz	Gustav Biermann
Bland	Zion	Hy. Renken	Elmer Helling
Casco	St. John	H. Rahn	Henry Meise
Chamois	St. John	A. C. Ernst	Walter Lagemann
Cooper Hill	St. Paul	Hy. Renken	Chas. Berger
Drake	St. James	G. Schultz	August Hesemann
Fredericksburg	St. Peter	G. Kanzler (?)	Henry Uthe
Gerald	St. Paul	J. Mann	G. Helling
Near Gerald	Ebenezer	C. Bendigkeit	August Laaker
Hermann	St. Paul	R. Kasman	Max. Kneische
Jeffriesburg	Jordan (Non-Synodical)		H. Kuhn
Labadie	Pilgrim	August Bergey	Lic.
Morrison	St. James	G. Kanzler	Herbert Redecker
New Haven	St. Peter	H. O. Hein	Oscar Niedergerke
Owensville	St. Peter	C. Bohnenkamper	Louis Schoenning
Ryors	Ebenezer	Hy. Renken	Edw. Busch
St. Clair	St. John	F. E. J. Schenk	Geo. Duegge
Stolpe	St. John	W. Asmuss	Fred. Mochel
Stonyhill	St. James	A. Kuhn	Michael Gabler
Swiss	St. John	G. Schultz	Th. Haeffner



Union—Zion—F. E. J. Schenk—A. H. Steinbeck  
Near Union—St. John—H. Kuhn—Henry Beregr, Jr.  
Washington—St. Peter—A. Blome—F. G. Gaebler  
Woollam—St. John—Hy. Renken—Lewis Schalk

SUPERANNUATED PASTORS

Krusekopf, H., Chamois, Mo.  
Meinecke, C., D.D., Bay, Mo.  
Hoepfner, H., Hermann, Mo. (Furloughed)

Ozark Region

Place — Church — Pastor — Delegate  
Billings—St. Peter—K. Baur—Otto Miekly  
Freistatt—Zion—F. Jerger—Henry Wuellner, Jr.  
Springfield—St. John—S. Caldemeyer—E. A. Hoffman  
Verona—Evangelical—K. Baur—

St. Charles Region

Place — Church — Pastor — Delegate  
Augusta—Ebenezer—A. C. Onash—Oscar Berg  
Big Spring—St. James—  
Cappeln—St. John—G. Schmeisser—Ben Freese  
Case—Bethel—Alvin C. E. Kniker—  
Cottleville—St. John—Ed. Brink—Theo. Gutermauth  
Defiance—St. Paul (Non-Synodical)—A. C. Onash—O. R. Buenemann  
Femme Osage—Evangelical—Emil Beier—Theo. Mallinkrodt  
Fulton—Evangelical—O. F. Hafner—Miss Rose Wolz  
Hamburg—Friedens—Ed. Brink—  
High Hill—St. John—Wm. H. Sabbert—Chas. Finke  
Holstein—Immanuel—E. Pfundt—Martin Hackmann  
Indian Camp—St. John (Non-Synodical)—A. E. Katterjohn—  
Lippstadt—Evangelical—G. A. Roedder—  
Marthasville—St. Paul—C. H. Rohlfing—Chas. Osterwald  
McKittrick—Evangelical—Alvin C. E. Kniker—  
Moscow Mills—Friedens—Wm. H. Sabbert—J. H. Karrenbrock  
New Melle—Friedens—H. Specht—O. C. Holt  
Old Monroe—St. Paul—Wm. Jung—Herman Goos  
Pinckney—St. John—F. Deuschle—Arthur Wilder, Sr.  
Rhineland—St. Mark—Alvin C. E. Kniker—Henry Kottmeyer  
St. Charles—St. John—H. Thomas—A. C. Hoefner  
Near St. Charles—Friedens—G. Orlofsky—Herbert F. Gronefeld  
Schluersburg—Bethany—Karl Merkel—A. H. Schemmer  
Steinhagen—St. Paul—G. A. Roedder—  
Troy—Zion ——— J. H. Schmeider  
Warrenton—Friedens—G. A. Roedder—H. H. Reese  
Weldon Spring—Immanuel—Ed. Brink—Sylvester Bergmeister  
Wright City—Evangelical—A. E. Katterjohn—Philip Feix

St. Charles—Emmaus Home—T. Stoerker, Supt.  
Marthasville—Emmaus Home—C. F. Sturm, Supt.



SUPERANNUATED PASTORS

Doering, K. R., Marthasville, Mo. (Emamus)  
Pfundt, H., Augusta, Mo.

St. Louis Region

Place — Church — Pastor — Delegate

Afton—Eden—A. Habermehl—John Kettler  
Cape Girardeau—Christ—Ralph Weisser—Elmo Rapp  
Near Cape Girardeau—Salem—Ralph Weisser—  
Chesterfield—St. John—R. A. Nienkamp—Fred Kuhlman  
Clayton—Samuel—John W. Flucke—Mrs. S. Taylor  
Clayton (Des Peres)—Zion—Jos. O. Polster—Phillip Zimmer  
De Soto—Friedens—A. Bockstruck—John Huelmlein  
Near De Soto—Ebenezer—A. Bockstruck—  
Dittmer—St. Martin—Geo. Boettcher—  
Ferguson—Immanuel—O. A. Egger—Henry Behle  
Gumbo—St. Thomas—A. Doellefeld—  
High Ridge—St. Martin—A. Petzoldt—  
Jackson—Emmanuel—A. Piepenbrok—  
Near Jackson—St. John—Karl Albers—  
Kimmswick—St. Luke—Rueben G. A. Bareis—Henry Hemme  
Little Rock, Ark.—Luther Memorial—John Murphy—Fred. Eberle  
Manchester—St. John—Paul Wobus—A. W. Seibel  
Maplewood—Christ—C. P. Fritsch—John Fein  
Marquard—Christ—Z. Yount—  
Mehlville—St. John—A. Alberswerth—Herbert Theiss  
Normandy—St. Peter—H. Boesch—Frank Halkins  
Oakville—St. Paul—A. Hosto—Chas. Becker  
Sappington—St. Luke—F. J. Langhorst—Otto Berlekamp  
Shannondale—Community House—Vincent Bucher—  
St. Louis—Bethany—F. H. Krafft—F. H. Landwehr  
Bethel—J. P. Meyer—Mrs. B. Ehlhardt, Franz Klein  
Bethesda—Albert Marcus—Martin Nolte  
Caroline Mission—H. J. Damm—J. E. Dixon  
Carondelet—S. Schmiechen—Ferd. Goetz  
Calvary (Non-Synodical)—Ralph Hunger, Lic.—  
Ebenezer—A. H. Franke—Herm. J. Vollmar  
Eden-Immanuel—K. L. Schneider—Louis Kamp  
Emmaus—Karl Pleger—August Haggemeyer  
Friedens—Paul Press, D.D.—Ralph Suedmeyer  
Grace—E. H. Bueneman—L. H. Proske  
Holy Ghost (Non-Synodical)—Ralph Abele—  
Jesus—Wm. F. Simon—Frank Gabler  
Mount Tabor—Richard Miller—Henry Tempelmeyer  
Nazareth—O. P. Schroerluke—Otto Haenni  
Pilgrim—Wm. C. Brandon—  
Redeemer—H. Friz—Edw. Due  
St. Andrew—J. E. Schneider—Chas. Kramer, Sr.



St. James—Theo. Braun—Herman Schumacher  
 St. John—Theo. Haefele—August Borgmeyer  
 St. Luke—J. N. Schuch—Walter Stumpe  
 St. Mark—E. E. Leibner—J. F. Stuckenberg  
 St. Matthew—Carl Sturm—Wm. Kern  
 St. Paul—T. J. Herrmann—C. H. Branditz  
 St. Peter—A. C. Rasche—John F. Peter, Mrs. B. F. Zeip  
 St. Stephen—O. Kienker—Henry Kronsbein  
 Salem—J. H. Overbeck—Christ. Stocke  
 Salvator—Paul Prell—  
 Trinity—Paul Stock—Mrs. J. Kastler  
 Zion—H. Toelle—Wm. Samel  
 Stratmann—St. Paul—E. L. Mueller—Henry Niedringhaus  
 Tilsit—St. James—F. W. Weltge—Emil Mantz  
 Webster Groves—Evangelical—H. H. Lohans—Mrs. J. Hoffman  
 Wild Horse—Evangelical—Paul Wobus—

#### Pastors Not Serving Churches

- a) Eden Publishing House & Evangelical Synod Bldg:
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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| J. J. Braun           | F. E. McQueen      |
| T. C. Braun           | Otto Press         |
| F. A. Goetsch         | H. L. Streich      |
| J. H. Horstmann, D.D. | H. P. Vieth        |
| F. C. Klick           | A. R. Keppel, Lic. |
- b) Eden Seminary:
- |                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Prof. Elmer F. J. Arndt | Prof. S. D. Press, D.D. |
| Prof. Wm. Baur, D.D.    | Prof. Carl E. Schneider |
| Prof. J. Biegeleisen    | Harold P. Schultz       |
| O. Elbring              | Prof. A. Wehrli         |
| Prof. Th. W. Menzel     |                         |
- c) Deaconess Hospital:
- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| F. P. Jens, D.D. | Paul R. Zwilling |
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- d) Others:
- |              |                     |
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| Chas. Meyer  | John Eckholdt, Lic. |
| J. W. Varwig |                     |
- e) Superannuated Pastors:
- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| H. Bode, D.D. | Theo. L. Mueller |
| E. G. Heess   | S. Kruse, D.D.   |

#### Commissioned Workers

Irene Backer	Hilda Koenig
Alvina Boeke	W. F. Moritz
Carl Braun	Prof. H. A. Pflug
S. Buchmueller	Marie Rose Remmel
F. W. Helmkamp	Glenna Schroerluke
Hilda Huefe	Esther Schuette
Rose Marie Kniker	Lena Zúrheide
Esther Koch	



### **"R" Group Pastors**

Prof. H. J. Christman, D.D.

A. W. Settlage

Prof. F. W. Leich, D.D.

Prof. H. H. Wernecke, D.D.

### **Resolutions**

(Committee No. 4)

#### **District President's Report**

1. With our esteemed president, the Missouri District agrees that a spiritual revival within the church is needed.
2. The chief aim and purpose of the church must not become obscured. Its principal duty must ever be to call men back to God.
3. The District also concurs in the conviction of its president that "spirit-filled lives composing the church which sees its duty clearly constitute an invincible factor in the transformation of a distressed and dejected world."
4. A cordial welcome is extended to the Rev. F. C. Klick, president of the Evangelical Synod, to the brethren of the former Reformed Church now residing in our midst, as well as to others who have been transferred to our District.
5. Congratulations are extended to all those churches which have observed anniversaries or can look back upon some outstanding achievements during the past year.
6. Since it has pleased God Almighty, who in His all-wise dispensation has removed from our midst Rev. W. H. Pieper, Prof. F. Pfeiffer, and Rev. E. Bleibtreu we bow to the divine will and express to the bereaved families our deepest sympathy, imploring for them the help of Him who alone can assuage sorrow and soothe their grief.
7. All subscribers to the Elmhurst-Eden Campaign are urged to meet their obligations promptly, in order to strengthen the financial standing of these educational institutions.
8. The Missouri District approves the plan of the District Council to raise our share of the necessary contingent fund of our united Evangelical and Reformed Church by means of an assessment of 3½ cents per member.
9. The District expresses appreciation to those churches participating in the Synodical Recovery Campaign and regrets that some congregations failed to cooperate.
10. The Missouri District gratefully recognizes the able services of the District officers, especially of its president, Rev. Otto Kienker.
11. The Missouri District grants the customary gratification to the District President, Vice-President and Secretary.
12. The Missouri District expresses its gratitude to the Salem Evangelical Church, its pastor and his family, and all those who have contributed to the success of this conference and votes the gratification of \$10.00 to the custodian of the church.

#### **Vice-President and Treasurer's Report**

The Missouri District thanks all congregations who earnestly en-



deavored to meet their synodical and district budget obligations and encourages all others to do likewise.

#### **Board of Religious Education and League Work**

1. The Missouri District commends the Board of Religious Education for promoting the cause of religious education through the training school in St. Louis, and the District Sunday School and League Convention, and rejoices in the contemplated extension of the work to other centers in the District.

2. The Missouri District requests the Board of Religious Education and League Work to continue its efforts to raise the pledge of this district for the Student Chapel.

3. The Missouri District continues the usual appropriation to the Student Pastor's Salary Fund to the amount of \$350.00.

#### **Home Missions Committee Report**

1. The Missouri District rejoices in the growth of the Grace Evangelical Church, one of our mission projects, and takes great satisfaction in the work of Rev. Varwig, our City Missionary.

2. The Missouri District feels confident that the District Home Mission Committee will find the proper solution for the problems presented by the Calvary Evangelical Church, St. Louis County, and the Clayton-University City Church.

#### **Brotherhood and Women's Union Report**

The Missouri District congratulates the Brotherhoods and Women's Unions on the splendid work they have done in the past year.

#### **Pension and Relief Fund Report**

The Missouri District takes cognizance of the faithful work done by the District Pension and Relief Fund Committee.

(Signed) *Rev. F. H. Krafft*, Chairman  
*Marie Rose Remmel*, Secretary

(Committee No. 5)

#### **Synodical President's Report**

1. The Missouri District heartily agrees with the sentiments expressed in the introduction of our Synodical President's report, and therefore cheerfully endorses his suggestion that our Church take a definite stand in reference to the apostolic standard to become more conscious of our Christian work and our relation to the world.

2. We are grateful for the progress made toward the consummation of the merger of our Evangelical Synod with the Reformed Church in the United States, in the spirit of the Master's prayer, "that they may all be one."

3. We gratefully acknowledge the guidance of God in prospering our work in spite of the fact that during the past year we had three President Generals.

We hold in loving memory the late Dr. C. W. Locher;

We wish to express our thanks to Rev. Paul Press for his successful work done during his seven months' regime; and



We assure Rev. F. C. Klick, President General, of our loyalty and support.

May God give him strength of body and mind for the tasks ahead.

4. In the promotional and educational program of our church, we acknowledge the fine work of the boards and their Executive Secretaries; and encourage our pastors and congregations to give them effective cooperation.

5. We realize, with regret, the loss sustained by our Church in the departure of so many of our faithful workers, and express our sincere sympathy to all the bereaved.

6. We heartily recommend to the congregations the letter of the President General found at the close of his Annual Report. The Missouri District most emphatically condemns the dangerous practices creeping into the social life of our churches, such as the sale of beer and intoxicating liquors and games of chance at church functions, as well as sponsoring card parties and dances under church supervision, or by any organizations in the church. We desire that the said letter shall be read to the congregations by the pastors whenever an occasion requires.

(Signed) *Rev. A. E. Katterjohn*, Chairman

*Rev. Paul R. Stock*, Secretary

(Committee No. 8)

#### **Home Missions (Synodical)**

1. The Missouri District desires to support the interpretation of the implications of Home Missions in the light of modern needs as this is stated in the report of the Board of Home Missions and asks its pastors to help their congregations understand these changing conceptions of a fundamental task of the church. Specifically, the following statement is emphasized: "Our denomination could find much work for its Home Mission forces in guiding and strengthening existing churches; in helping churches and groups eliminate rivalry and duplication through such union efforts; in extending a much richer ministry to the underprivileged in the wide mountain and other areas; in evangelizing the millions that do not know Christ and the Power of His gospel; the godless rich and the unchurched masses in our cities and rural sections; in rescuing the multitudes of boy and girl tramps and the migrant workers of America; the reaching of the criminal classes; to make Christ known to the Jews, the Mormons, and the Orientals."

2. The story of enforced retrenchment as reported by the Home Mission Board, resulting in closed churches, churches on part-time service, and in actual suffering on the part of mission workers and their families, helps to make concrete the meaning of our failure adequately to support the cooperative tasks of the church. We express our sense of shame and failure and emphatically call the churches of this District to a renewed effort to raise their full budget quotas.

3. The Missouri District notes with sincere appreciation the results that have been accomplished despite limited funds and expresses



its gratitude to the workers who have given of themselves so sacrificially to their task.

4. The Missouri District expresses its appreciation of the happy plan whereby Home and Foreign Missions cooperated in celebrating their 75th and 50th anniversaries respectively, thus focussing the attention of the church upon the entire mission enterprise.

5. Since the Ozark Mission is located entirely within the boundary of the Missouri District, the District recognizes its obligation to assume an ever greater share of responsibility for this work. It asks the District Council in cooperation with the Ozark Auxiliary Committee to determine the specific project to be undertaken and to provide a plan for securing the necessary funds.

6. The Missouri District rejoices in the progress that is being made in merging the Home Mission work of the "R" and "E" groups and trusts that this progress will continue.

7. The District again pays tribute to the continued splendid support given Home Missions by the Women's Union.

8. The District commends to its pastors and congregations the serious consideration of the suggestions for School of Missions in the local church and other plans for missionary education as recommended by the mission boards. The various missionary publications of both the Evangelical and the Reformed Boards are especially helpful in bringing information to our people and so stimulating their missionary zeal.

9. The District desires to encourage further cooperation with interdenominational and other-denominational groups working at the Home Missions task.

(Signed) *R. A. Miller*, Chairman

*Theo. C. Braun*, Secretary

(Committee No. 9)

#### **Federated Activities and Federated Charities**

1. Be it resolved, that the Missouri District commend the Brotherhood, Women's Union, the Evangelical League for their continued work for the Kingdom; and their officers in their untiring efforts in hastening the consummation of the merger between the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

2. Be it resolved that the Missouri District, gratefully recognize the loyal and untiring services of the Executive Secretaries of our Federated Activities and the economy with which such work was carried out.

3. Be it resolved that the Missouri District commend the Women's Union for their continued interest and support of the work of the Synod: i. e., The Blue Springs Cottage, Student Support Fund, Thank Offerings, Synodical Papers, promotion of the Benevolent Institutions, and other projects.

4. Be it resolved that the Missouri District heartily recommend that the Federated Activities continue to keep their monthly programs



upon their present high spiritual plane. Be it further resolved that these organizations continue to remember that they are organizations in the church and as such seek to prosper the spiritual church by their meetings and activities, and guard against such activities which may tend toward secularization. And we urge that more of the local organization leaders avail themselves of the fine materials for group meetings and activities which are available from the central offices.

5. Be it resolved that the Missouri District awaits with interest the type of men's work which will develop from such new ventures as the Men's Congress and pray for its success.

6. Be it resolved that the Missouri District go on record as favoring a unification of all youth work in the Board of Religious Education.

7. Be it resolved that the Missouri District recognizes the importance of our Charitable Institutions and that we favor some plan whereby *all* Evangelical and Reformed people will share in the financial support of these institutions, and recommend that the Federation of Evangelical Charities work out plans by which such *wider* support may be gained.

(Signed) *Rev. Alvin Blome*, Chairman

*Rev. Wm. C. Brandon*, Secretary

(Committee No. 11)

#### **Educational Institutions**

1. The Missouri District takes recognition of the direction in which the academic work of Eden Theological Seminary is being carried forth.

Recognizing the value and the influence of annual convocations, the practical expression of interdenominational and interracial fellowship of students, and the experience which the supervised and guided field work of the students affords, the Missouri District Conference wishes especially to urge the Board of Directors, the president and the faculty of Eden Theological Seminary to continue to carry on these endeavors as effectively as possible.

The Missouri District Conference expresses its satisfaction in the splendid manner in which Eden Seminary has handled the problems growing out of the merging of Central Theological Seminary of Dayton with Eden.

The Missouri District Conference rejoices with the Board of Directors, the president and the faculty of Eden Theological Seminary that the entrance requirements to the seminary will be a full A.B. course.

2. The Missouri District Conference rejoices with the Board of Trustees, the president and the faculty of Elmhurst College that Elmhurst, a fully accredited college, has now become an active member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and is able to enjoy the benefits which such affiliation offers.

3. The Missouri District Conference urges the congregations to consider and to cooperate in the suggestions offered by Dr. Timothy Lehmann in his report and which follow:



1. A student representing your congregation at our college (boy or girl).
2. Where the heart prompts a youth and a desire is awakened to prepare for the ministry, do not quench the spirit but send us word. We shall be glad to make further contacts.
3. Prayerfully share our problem with us. Constructive criticism is welcome.
4. Help us maintain our accreditation by supporting the Synod which appropriates a share of its income for our benefit. Pay up your pledges in the Advance for continuance of the program and endowment.
5. Promote the church interest in Christian Education on higher levels for we cannot afford to evade this responsibility toward the oncoming generation.

(Signed) *Rev. J. N. Schuch*, Chairman

*Rev. F. E. McQueen*, Secretary

(Committee No. 12)

#### **Religious Education**

1. We rejoice with the Board of Religious Education at the evident progress which has been made in the work of Christian education as evidenced by the report to the Districts for 1934.
2. We feel deeply the loss sustained by the Church in the death of Prof. Frederick Pfeiffer, for many years identified with the work of Religious Education in our District and in the Evangelical Synod.
3. God's Word and Christian experience teach us that more time is needed for the religious instruction of our youth; one hour a week is not sufficient. Even in the present day the Church could find time and means for this instruction if we would but live up to our Christian standard. Too much time is spent in learning how to earn a living instead of learning how to live a Christian life.
4. We would recommend that a longer period of time be devoted to Confirmation instruction and furthermore recommend a two-year course of not less than three hours per week running concurrently with the public school year.
5. We suggest to the pastors and delegates of this District that they impress upon their Bible School teachers and other church workers the importance of taking part in Workers' Conference and Leadership Training Schools.
6. We commend the Board for reopening the North Star School and strongly recommended the establishing of schools in other areas.
7. We would encourage all the churches of the District to establish and maintain Daily Vacation Church Schools.
8. We commend the Board for the way in which it has developed the Light Bearer and the help it is giving through the Service Library, and Art Slides, and other visual aids.
9. We are gratified to note that the "Lessons for Christian Living" are constantly going forward.



10. We would encourage the three cooperating Boards, i. e., of Religious Education, Foreign Missions and Home Missions in the planning of a "Church School for Missions" intended for the members of the entire family, for which the syllabus is in preparation.

*Rev. Carl Fritsch, Chairman*

*Miss Hilda Huefe, Secretary*

(Committee No. 13)

#### **Special Resolutions**

1. Resolved that the Missouri District Conference go on record as endorsing the action of the District President in appointing a District Committee on Christianity and Social Problems; that this Committee be empowered to speak for the District on social problems and take the initiative in social action; and that the Committee be made a permanent Committee of the Missouri District.

2. Whereas it is our conviction that the Church must be and is anxious to concern itself with the social problems which beset men on every hand and,

Whereas the Church must, we believe, guide men in individual and social action according to the standard of the Gospel:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Missouri District Conference urge the Committee on Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to establish in the United Church a Commission such as recommended by the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems of the "E" group in agreement with the Commission on Social Service in the "R" group, (See paragraph two and three under "The Function of the Commission," Pp. 154; 155 in "Annual Reports to the Districts, 1935");

That such Commission be provided with adequate facilities and resources by the united Church in order to perform the functions delegated to it.

Furthermore the Missouri District Conference recommends that the above Commission be named *The Commission on Christian Social Action*.

3. Resolved that the Missouri District Conference now in session communicate to our brother-ministers in Germany our deep sympathy in their sufferings for the sake of the Kingdom of God, our profound admiration for their loyalty to God rather than to Caesar, our earnest prayer that they will endure persecution for righteousness' sake and will be given strength to be faithful even though they have to die for it.

4. Whereas, one of the major sources of social injustice is the disproportion of power and influence between the owning and managing groups of our industrial society and the workers, and

Whereas, the building up of bargaining power amongst the workers is an inescapable way of correcting economic injustice, and

Whereas, the principle of collective bargaining is conceded to be right and just,

Be it resolved: 1) that we as members of the Christian Church lend our support and influence to such bargaining groups of workers



as farmers' cooperatives, labor unions and other such organizations which guarantee to the worker a fair and decent wage and, on 2) that we encourage all congregations to scrutinize the sources from which their supplies come and that they give preference to those firms, companies, and businesses which employ Christian standards regarding wages and working conditions, 3) that congregations honestly face the responsibility of paying their worker, particularly the unskilled, a wage commensurate with their needs, and with the demands of a Christian standard of living.

5. Whereas, the Evangelical Synod of North America has declared that it will not support any war, since war is inconsistent with our faith in Christ who is the Lord of the Church, and

Whereas, we cannot but be concerned over the present tendencies in the world and particularly in the U. S. making for international tension;

Therefore, we cannot but regret the action of the President of the U. S. in espousing and the Congress of the U. S. in passing a billion dollar appropriation for the army and navy; and

We do most urgently protest against the maneuvers of the U. S. fleet in the far Pacific,

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the U. S., and the Senators and Representatives from the State of Missouri.

6. Whereas, it is the conviction of the Missouri District Conference of the Evangelical and Reformed Church that the proposal to license racing in the State of Missouri is a dangerous threat to public morals and to public welfare of the state;

Therefore, we do urgently request the governor and the legislature of the State of Missouri to use their influence and authority to defeat this iniquitous measure;

Furthermore, the secretary of this conference be instructed to send the copies of this resolution to the governor of the state, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to Dr. A. H. Armstrong, Executive Secretary of the Church Federation.

7. Whereas, the naval maneuvers, which are now being conducted by our Government in the far Pacific with the "largest and most powerful fleet ever assembled," seriously complicate the task of maintaining our friendly relations with Japan, and

Whereas, these naval maneuvers are in direct opposition to the principles of Jesus, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the representatives of the Missouri District of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in America, gathered in regular session at St. Louis, Mo., April 30 to May 2, notify the Christian brethren of our church in Japan, and through them the people of that country, that

1) We are unalterably opposed to the naval maneuvers now being conducted in the far Pacific,



2) Feel keenly the deep resentment, which is theirs because of this uncalled-for affront, and

3) Entertain only the kindest feeling toward them, and shall continue to work to neutralize any warlike effect our government's naval maneuvers may have upon certain of our people.

8. Whereas; the barbarous practice of lynching has been practiced to an alarming degree in many parts of our nation, and

Whereas, the Congress of the U. S. has before it a bill which, if passed, we believe would result in checking this nefarious and barbarous practice, and

Whereas, we believe it is the duty of every law abiding citizen to use his or her influence to check this evil,

Therefore, Be it resolved by the Missouri District Conference of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in regular session at Salem Evangelical Church, St. Louis, Mo., that we heartily endorse the Anti-Lynching Bill, and we urge the members of the Senate and House of Representatives to support this bill to the end that, when it becomes a law, it will in some measure abolish this evil and barbarous practice in our land.

Resolved, second, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President of the U. S., to the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House, with the request that they be read before the two Houses; Senators Wagner and Cortigan, authors of the bill, and Clark and Truman, Senators from Missouri.

*Rev. Ralph C. Abele, Chairman*

*Prof. Elmer J. F. Arndt, Secretary*

Special resolutions introduced by the Rev. Aug. C. Rasche, were adopted as follows:

1. The Missouri District gladly gives its officers the following gratifications for services rendered during the past two years, namely, President, \$100; Vice-President, 50; Secretary, \$50; Treasurer, \$50.

2. The Missouri District donates \$250 to the Synodical Home Mission Board and \$250 to the District Council for a Home Mission project in the Ozark Mountains.

3. The Missouri District gives Dr. O. Johnson and the committee he represents, the sum of \$10 to assist in the work of defeating the Hess Bill which seeks to license racing in the state of Missouri.

(Committee No. 6)

#### **Foreign Missions**

1. We rejoice in the fact that although this past year was not notable as one of increased financial support, nevertheless in Foreign Missions 1934 stands out as a year of encouragement and spiritual progress due principally to the spirit of fervent thanksgiving and renewed interest and consecration awakened by the combined 50th anniversary of the Foreign Missions and the 75th anniversary of Home Missions in our church.

2. We deplore our loss through the Home-going during this past



year of the sainted Dr. Paul Menzel, a man who for 39 years was intimately associated with the foreign mission enterprise of our Church—even as we bear grateful testimony to the extraordinary and outstanding contribution he was permitted by the grace of God to make to the whole cause of foreign missions. The sentiment of our District is fittingly expressed in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Foreign Missions last October, q. v.

3. We rejoice in the broader horizon in foreign missions made possible by our merger with the Reformed Church in the U. S., and we trust that the day may speedily come when a common policy and a united administration of the whole foreign missionary task of the Evangelical and Reformed Church shall have been consummated.

4a. We heartily commend the Foreign Mission Board for the publications in conjunction with the Board of Home Missions of "Missionary Horizons" and "Missionary Trails"—and consider these booklets invaluable aids in the development of a deeper and more vital personal interest on the part of our constituency in the whole missionary program of the church.

4b. We are heartily in accord with every medium employed by the Church to systematically educate our constituency as to the challenge of the missionary enterprise of the church, believing that one cannot love that which one does not know.

5. We rejoice that a number of candidates applied for service in India and Honduras, revealing as this circumstance does that consecrated Christian people still do hear the call of the foreign field. We are happy that the Foreign Board could call the Rev. Harold Freund, M.D., for service in the Indian Field and wish him God's blessing in his work. At the same time we deplore the lack of faith and vision in the homeland which through its resulting inadequate financial support makes impossible the sending of other needed workers into the vineyard, which has resulted in serious necessary curtailments and to a certain extent in the impairing of the Lord's work.

6. We heartily commend the Women's Union, the Evangelical Society for Medical Missions, and all special supporters who through their moral support and financial gifts have rendered invaluable aid in carrying on the work of God's Kingdom in the foreign field during this past year.

7. We congratulate the Evangelical Society for Medical Missions on its first decade of service in the cause of foreign missions, and bear grateful testimony to its many fine achievements and prayerfully hope that its aim to equip the Tilda Hospital with electric lights and X-Ray apparatus may be accomplished within the present year. To this end we heartily commend this vitally essential project to church organizations and individuals in our District.

8. We are deeply grateful for the splendid and inspiring example of unselfish sacrificial devotion and service to the cause of foreign missions, given us by the Executive Secretary, the Rev. F. A. Goetsch, and by our missionaries both in India and Honduras, and for the heartening



evidences of progress which have been revealed. All this makes real to us again that "God hath not forgotten to be gracious" both in respect to the quality of the workers He has raised up, and the fruitage both invisible and visible of their untiring labors. All this reminds us anew, however, of our responsibility to respond to the very best measure of our ability, morally and financially, both as individuals and as congregations so that God's high work may not suffer because of our indifference and inadequacy, and that those who give themselves to His work in the foreign field may know that in back of them stands a united Church unstinting in its devotion and loyalty to the high aim that the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Christ.

*Rev. Geo. Orlowsky, Chairman*  
*Rev. E. H. Bueneman, Secretary*

(Committee No. 7)

#### **Church Extension**

1. The Missouri District is gratified that the C. E. F. Board was in a position during the past year to grant 10 new loans amounting to \$31,400, in spite of the limited funds available for this essential work.
2. The Missouri District regrets, however, that the Budget Board deemed it necessary to reduce the Budget allotment for the C. E. F. Board to the lowest possible minimum of mere \$600.00 which seems absolutely out of proportion with the allotments to other Boards, figured on a percentage basis of the necessary working capital.
3. The Missouri District is of the opinion that a proper and effective functioning of the C. E. F. Board, with a constantly increasing demand upon its assistance by churches in financial distress, some of them facing foreclosure and loss of their property, will be sadly crippled, unless an adequate source of revenue is provided for by our church.
4. In order to facilitate a closer cooperation between the Board for Home Missions and the C. E. F. Board whose interests are so closely interlinked with each other, the Missouri District heartily endorses the recommendation of the C. E. F. Board to the merged Constitutional Committee, the creation of a "Council for Home Missions" consisting of members of the two Boards, with the provision that the two treasuries be kept strictly separate.

#### **Publications**

1. The Missouri District is glad to learn that the report of the Eden Publishing House of the past year shows a substantial general improvement in its finances, in spite of its many adverse factors affecting all business enterprises.
2. The Missouri District once more appeals to the loyalty of all pastors and laymen to patronize Eden Publishing House, which will greatly alleviate our general financial distress.
3. We regret that the publication of the Theological Magazine has



ceased and that no solution for a substitution of a similar paper has been provided for.

4. The District anticipates favorably, the realization in the near future of the merging of the Evangelical Herald and similar Reformed Church publications in the form of a new denominational weekly, and pledge its loyal support, hoping it will find a place in every Reformed and Evangelical home.

#### **Pension and Relief**

1. The District is glad over the fact that the Pension Fund Board was able to increase pensions over those paid for the previous year in the amount of \$70.00 for pastors and \$8.00 for widows.

2. The District calls upon all of our churches to be ready to assist those pastors and widows who really are in need and who, because of their non-membership in the Pension and Relief Fund, do not receive aid from that source.

3. The District takes grateful recognition of the liberal contribution the Women's Union has made to the Pension and Relief Fund, in the erection of a cottage at Blue Springs, and also in the special gifts from their Thank Offerings.

#### **Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance (Synodical)**

The District heartily approves the new insurance policy for church property, issued since June 1, 1934, and would recommend that all churches take advantage of this new approved contract.

#### **(District)**

1. We are pleased that the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance has in the past year increased its insurance policies written in our District by \$251,320.

2. We extend thanks to our District agent, Mr. F. H. Helmkamp and recommend him for reappointment.

*Rev. K. L. Schneider, Chairman*

*Rev. A. Habermehl, Secretary*

#### **(Committee No. 10)**

#### **Synodical Finances**

1. The Missouri District Conference commends the sixteen churches of the District which raised their 1934 synodical budget quotas 100% or more. The Conference feels that special commendation is due those churches which achieved this goal under extremely adverse circumstances. The Conference commends all those churches which made a sincere effort to meet their quotas even though they fell short of the coveted goal.

2. The Missouri District Conference notes with dismay that 125 of our churches, including 7 in the Missouri District, are not credited with any contribution whatsoever toward the synodical household for 1934. We feel that no church with a fair degree of good will toward the Synod is too small or too poor to make some contribution, be it ever so small.



3. The Missouri District Conference feels that further efforts toward raising the Synodical Budget deficit should be held in abeyance for the time being and that every effort should be directed toward the raising of the 1935 budget in full.

4. The Conference insists that all congregations fill in and return their budget acceptance blanks and holds its officers responsible for securing their return.

5. The Missouri District gratefully recognizes the interest manifested by the Ebenezer Evangelical Church of St. Louis as expressed in the resolutions submitted to the Missouri District President (see p. 20 of District reports) and herewith resolves that congregations failing to raise their assigned synodical budget quotas in full shall be required to account to the District Judiciary, at the next District Conference, for their failure to do so.

6. Be it resolved that pastors and members of congregations which have failed during the previous year to meet their District quotas in full shall not be eligible to hold District offices.

7. The District approves the practice recently adopted by the synodical treasurer of sending a monthly financial report to all pastors and urges its continuance. The Conference deplores the fact that only 38 of the 118 churches in the District made any contributions toward the synodical treasury during the first two months of the current fiscal year. We urge all pastors and delegates to impress upon their respective congregations the pressing necessity of making regular monthly payments to the synodical treasury. We request the District officers to see to it that congregations delinquent in this respect be reminded of their responsibility.

8. Recognizing the importance of the study of stewardship principles, the District recommends that all pastors and church councils study the book "Financial Recovery for the Local Church" by Julius E. Crawford. The District herewith authorizes its president to purchase with District funds one copy of Dr. Crawford's book for each pastor serving a congregation in the District.

9. We are profoundly convinced that no measures devised by us will achieve the aim of the foregoing resolutions unless we have an awakening of Kingdom conscience and a consequent release of a greater abundance of spiritual powers. Whether an economic depression such as the world is experiencing now, and by which the Church with its Kingdom tasks is so painfully affected, is caused by or is the cause of spiritual depression may be a debatable question. But the fact of our spiritual impoverishment is a salient factor in our financial troubles and the call for a spiritual awakening as voiced by the President of our District in his annual report should find our hearts devoutly responsive.

*Rev. H. H. Lohans, Chairman*  
*Rev. John W. Flucke, Secretary*



Special Resolution No. 10 (from floor).—Be it resolved that pastors manifesting a definite unwillingness to encourage their congregations to raise their synodical quota, or as great a share of it as possible, shall be required to give account to the District Judiciary, at the time of the next District Conference, for their failure to do so.

### Resolution of Laymen's Conference

*Resolved*.—That the papers read by Rev. H. P. Vieth, Mr. Roger Oake and Rev. S. Schmiechen be either mimeographed or printed and sent to every official representative of the District Conference.

### Final Report of Registration and Equalization Committee

The total number present at the Conference according to registrations: pastors, 107; delegates, 96; commissioned workers, 11; total, 214. 214 registrations at \$5 .....\$1,070.00

#### Expenses

To entertaining church .....	\$500.00
Traveling expenses (ministers) .....	260.14
Traveling expenses (delegates) .....	109.72
Exchange on checks .....	.20
Correction .....	3.20

Total expenses ..... 873.26

Balance .....\$ 196.74

Correction ..... .70

May 2, 1935 .....\$ 197.44

The report of the *Auditing Committee* was read and received, and the committee discharged with thanks.

St. Louis, April 30, 1935.

Have audited the books of the Treasurer of the Missouri District, Evangelical Synod of N. A., for the period May 3, 1933, to April 30, 1935, and found same correct.

*Aug. Borgmeyer*

*F. J. Zimmer.*

### Membership

Upon recommendation of the Board of Examiners the following pastors were received into full membership with the Synod: Herbert E. Kuhn and A. C. Onasch.



## **Elections**

### **DISTRICT OFFICERS**

President: The Rev. J. H. Overbeck; Vice-President: The Rev. F. E. J. Schenk; Secretary: The Rev. E. H. Bueneman; Treasurer: Mr. Waldemar Pinckert.

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Rev. F. J. Langhorst (6 years); Mr. A. H. Steinbeck (4 years).

### **BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

Dr. S. D. Press (6 years).

### **DISTRICT JUDICIARY**

The Rev. Prof. Wm. Baur, D.D. (2 years).

### **FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE**

The Rev. S. Caldmeyer (6 years); The Rev. Karl Baur (4 years).

### **HOME MISSION COMMITTEE**

The Rev. H. J. Damm (6 years); Mr. Henry Kronsbein (6 years).

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Richard Miller (6 years); Prof. H. A. Pflug (6 years).

### **PENSION COMMITTEE**

The Rev. E. C. Brink (4 years).

(Signed) *E. H. Bueneman*, Secretary.

Approved:

*J. H. Overbeck*, President.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**43rd CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**NEBRASKA DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**  
Held in  
**Friedens Evangelical Church**  
Rev. O. E. Pinckert, Pastor  
**Milford, Nebraska**  
**May 27-29, 1935**

**Services and Devotions**

The opening service of the 43rd conference of the Nebraska District was held Monday, May 27, 1935, at 7:45 P. M. Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck, District President, served at the altar, and Dr. George Richards, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, preached an impressive sermon on the text 1 Tim. 3: 15: "The House of God and the Church of the Living God." The communion service was conducted by the Pastors F. L. Rodenbeck and O. E. Pinckert.

At the service on Tuesday evening Rev. T. R. Marshall conducted the altar service, and Rev. F. C. Klick, President of the Evangelical Synod, preached an inspiring sermon on the text John 21: 15, "Lovest thou me?"

Closing service Wednesday evening, May 29. Altar service: Rev. Geo. Rath. German sermon by Rev. J. Klundt on the text, Eph. 1: 17-23: "The Exalted Christ and His Church on Earth." English sermon by Rev. Walter Kieker on the text, Gen. 11: 9: "Youth in the Church Today." Installation of district officers by Rev J. H. Steger. Anthems were sung by the junior and senior choirs of Friedens Church, and by a men's quartet of St. Paul's Church in Lincoln.

The devotions were conducted by the following pastors: Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck on Monday afternoon on the text Isa. 64: 4, "God worketh for him, that waiteth for him." Rev. W. Bechtold on Tuesday morning on the text John 5: 17, "My father worketh even until now, and I work." Rev. H. F. W. Jesdinsky on Wednesday morning on the texts Eph. 3: 20 and 1 Peter 2: 5, "Goettliche Quelle zum christlichen Leben." Rev. G. Bode, Memorial Service, Wednesday noon, text, Heb. 4: 9-11.



## Pastors

W. Bechtold, Syracuse, Nebr.  
 C. Burkle, Loup City, Nebr.  
 G. Bode, Plymouth, Nebr.  
 A. Brueggemann, Tilden, Nebr.  
 G. Duensing, Nebraska City, Nebr.  
 J. Erbes, Bayard, Nebr.  
 W. Fischer, Wayne, Nebr.  
 H. Henning, Gladstone, Nebr.  
 J. Hertel, Cook, Nebr.  
 A. Hoferer, Winside, Nebr.  
 H. F. W. Jesdinsky, Nisland, S. Dak.  
 W. F. Kieker, Omaha, Nebr.  
 John Klundt, Gering, Nebr.  
 T. Marshall, Seward, Nebr.  
 D. Maul, Lincoln, Nebr.  
 Gus A. Pahl, Jr., Plattsmouth, Nebr.  
 O. Pinckert, Milford, Nebr.  
 Geo. Rath, Jansen, Nebr.  
 G. Roedder, Goehner, Nebr.  
 F. Rodenbeck, Lincoln, Nebr.  
 G. Seybold, Talmage, Nebr.  
 W. Schulz, Falls City, Nebr.  
 H. Steger, Columbus, Nebr.  
 A. Stueler, Western, Nebr.  
 F. Steinmark, Mitchell, Nebr.  
 M. Strasburg, Talmage, Nebr.  
 E. Stelzig, Batesland, S. Dak.  
 E. Tischhauser, Steinauer, Nebr.  
 W. Werner, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

## Regions of the Nebraska District

1. *Southern Region*—Rev. W. Bechtold, Syracuse, Nebr., Chairman.  
 Cook, St. Paul  
 Falls City, Zion  
 Gladstone, Zion  
 Jansen, St. Paul  
 Lincoln, St. John  
 Lincoln, St. Paul  
 Nebraska City, Bethel  
 Omaha, St. John Evan. and First Reformed  
 Plattsmouth, St. Paul  
 Plymouth, Friedens  
 Steinauer, Salem  
 Syracuse, St. John  
 Talmage, St. John



Tecumseh, St. Paul

Western, St. John

2. *Northern Region*—Rev. Carl Burkle, Loup City, Nebr., Chairman.

Ashton, St. Matthew

Columbus, Independent Evang. Prot.

Goehner, Friedens

Harvard, Evangelical

Loup City, St. Paul

Milford, Friedens

Rockville, (Unorganized)

Seward, Friedens

Tilden, Friedens

Wayne, Salem

Winside, Theophilus

3. *Western Region*—Rev. Wm. Werner, Scottsbluff, Nebr., Chairman.

Batesland, S. Dak., Zion

Bayard, Zion

Gering, Zion

Mitchell, St. Paul

Nisland, S. Dak., Friedens

Paxton, Salem

Scottsbluff, Zion

**Moderator**

Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck, District President, was elected Moderator, and Rev. T. R. Marshall, District Vice-President, was elected Vice-Moderator.

**Attendance, Visitors**

The conference was attended by 30 pastors and 23 delegates from the congregations of the Nebraska District.

Visitors at the conference were: Dr. Geo. Richards, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; Rev. F. C. Klick, President of the Evangelical Synod; Prof. Elmer Arndt, Eden Seminary; Rev. O. Spehr of the Tabitha Home, Lincoln; Rev. A. Engelmann, Humboldt, Nebr.; Rev. D. Buelter, Sutton, Nebr.; Rev. E. Gander, Dawson, Nebr.; Rev. Calvin W. Franz, Holton, Kan.

**Special Addresses**

"The Evangelical and Reformed Church," Dr. George Richards, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

"The Gospel of God"—Dr. George Richards.

Synodical Work"—Rev. F. C. Klick, President Evangelical Synod.

"Christianity and Social Problems"—Mr. Fred Ress.

"Love and the Kingdom of God"—Rev. Carl Burkle.

"Nebraska Council of Churches"—Rev. A. Stueler, D.D.



## **Resolutions**

### **President of Synod**

1. The district expresses its gratitude to Rev. Paul Press for his splendid service as President of the Synod.
2. The district promises its hearty cooperation to President F. C. Klick and to the Board of Directors in their efforts to further Kingdom work.

### **Treasurer of Synod**

Be it resolved that we, the congregations of the Nebraska District, will put forth renewed efforts to raise in full our respective Synodical Budget quotas.

### **Contingency Fund**

The congregations of the Nebraska District agree to meet the suggested Contingent quotas of 3½ cents per individual member for the overhead of the united church, the amounts to be paid to the district treasurer.

### **Home Missions**

1. The Nebraska District recommends the appointment of a commission on social action.
2. Recognizing the great need of missionary education in our churches, the Nebraska District endorses and encourages an increase of the facilities necessary for an extended missionary educational and promotional program, as desired by the Home Mission Board.

### **Foreign Missions**

1. While the policy of the Foreign Mission Board to stay within its income is a commendable one, the Nebraska District begs to caution against too severe a curtailment of our Foreign Mission work which might mean a present saving, but may lead to greater expenditure later on, or even to loss of ground hitherto gained.
2. In addition to the mission literature, the church papers and mission study classes, the Nebraska District urges the personal presentation of the mission cause by members of the Mission Boards and missionaries on furlough, as in this manner more people who are in need of information can be reached.

### **Publications**

The Nebraska District regrets the action of the faculty of Eden Seminary taken upon the provision made by the General Conference, in reference to the revision of the Theological Magazine, and hopes that the resolution of the General Conference will be carried out.

### **Commission on Christianity and Social Problems**

The district is fully aware of the need of more intensive study of the points of connection between the principles of Jesus and modern social problems. It welcomes the function of the commission and promises its hearty support. It therefore recommends the establishment of a social committee within the district.



### Historical Commission

The Nebraska District recommends to the General Synod the creation of a Historical Commission of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, to be charged with pursuing the same functions for the United Church as our present Commission for the Evangelical Synod, without, however, abrogating the continued interest in the historical research pertaining to the origin and development of the former Evangelical Synod as well as the former Reformed Church.

### Nebraska Council of Churches

The Nebraska District, having by unanimous vote at the conference in 1933 joined the "Nebraska Council of Churches and Christian Education," asks each congregation to do its best in supporting the council by making the expected small annual contribution of 5c per enrolled Sunday school member.

### Traveling Expenses

Average expense of pastors .....	\$4.20
Average expense of delegates .....	4.00
Total .....	\$8.20

### Elections

1. Officers of the District: President, Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck; Vice-President, Rev. T. R. Marshall; Secretary, Rev. O. E. Pinckert; Treasurer, Mr. August Brauer. Members of the District Council: Rev. J. H. Steger, Mr. Fred Ress and Mr. F. A. Ruenholl.

2. Members of the General Council: Rev. George Duensing, Mr. Chas. R. Wilke.

3. Delegates to the General Synod: (a) Pastors: Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck, Rev. T. R. Marshall; Alternates: Rev. H. Henning, Rev. E. Tischhauser. (b) Laymen: Mr. Fred Ress and Mr. Reinhold Ruhnke; Alternates: Mr. F. A. Ruenholl and Mr. Ed. Tonsing.

### District Boards Appointed by District Council

1. Board for Home Missions: Pastors: H. Henning (6 years), G. Bode (4 years), E. Tischhauser (2 years). Delegates: F. A. Ruenholl, Lorton (6 years), W. Brehm, Syracuse (4 years), Armin Vogt, Jansen (2 years).

2. Board for Foreign Missions: Pastors: G. E. Seybold (6 years), W. Bechtold (4 years). Delegate: E. Pfister (2 years).

3. Board of Pension and Relief: Pastors: W. Bechtold (6 years), M. Strasburg (2 years). Delegate: Mr. Damme, Sr., Talmage (4 years).

4. District Board of Religious Education: Pastors: Walter Kieker (6 years), G. A. Roedder (4 years), T. R. Marshall (2 years), Henry Goebel.

5. Examination Board: Pastors: Geo. Rath (6 years), J. H. Steger (4 years), D. F. Maul (2 years).

6. District Judiciary: Pastors J. Erbes (6 years), M. Strasburg



(4 years), J. Hertel (2 years). Delegates: Fred Hartmann (2 years), D. J. Dohrmann (2 years).

7. District Inspector: Rev. E. Tischhauser.

8. Committee on Social Problems: Rev. Carl Burkle (2 years), Rev. G. Pahl (2 years), Mr. Fred Ress (2 years).

9. Kingdom Service Committee: Rev. T. R. Marshall; Rev. Carl Burkle, chairman Northern Regional Conference; Rev. W. Bechtold, chairman Southern Regional Conference; Rev. Wm. Werner, chairman Western Region.

### Received into Membership

Upon recommendation of the Ministerium the following pastor and the following congregation were received into the membership of the Synod: Rev. G. Pahl, Rockville Community Church.

### Adjournment

At the conclusion of the service on Wednesday evening, May 29, after the district officers had been installed, the minutes of the conference were read and adopted, whereupon the conference adjourned with the benediction, spoken by Rev. Geo. Rath, and with singing of the hymn: "Abide with Us, Our Saviour."

O. E. Pinckert, Secretary

F. L. Rodenbeck, Moderator.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**46th CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**NEW YORK DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**  
Held in  
**Salem Evangelical Church, Tonawanda, New York**  
Rev. Walter Hetzel, Pastor  
**June 11 to 14, 1935**

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The 46th conference of the New York District was opened on Tuesday evening, June 11, 1935, with a service of worship and the celebration of Holy Communion. The sermon was delivered by Dr. S. D. Press, president of Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., on John 17: 19. In this sermon the speaker called upon the ministry and the churches to strive after perfection. The Pastor of Salem Church, the Rev. Walter Hetzel, who conducted the service and the president of the District, the Rev. Paul Langhorst, were ministrants in the Communion Service.

Mr. Wm. Thuersam, in the absence of Mr. Arthur Albright, president of the Convention Church, welcomed the conference to Salem Church and President Paul Langhorst responded. This service was beautified by the organ numbers and choir singing under the direction of Miss Carrie E. Oswald and also with a solo by Mrs. Harry Lockman.

On Wednesday morning at 9:10 the Rev. Carl Loos of Christ Evangelical Church, Erie, Pa., conducted the Memorial service.

Following this the first business session of the convention was held. President Langhorst declared a quorum present.

It was voted that the Secretary, Carl G. Haass, cast one ballot for the Rev. Frederick Krohne, St. Peter's Evangelical Church, Buffalo, N. Y., for moderator of the conference.

It was voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for the Rev. Theo. Mayer, Friedens Evangelical Church, N. Tonawanda, N. Y., for vice-moderator.

The conference printed program was presented by President Langhorst and was adopted as a working basis.

The report of President Langhorst was read and the conference voted to refer it and the reports of the Boards to the proper committees for review and resolutions.



The meeting adjourned at 10:35, after the places of meeting had been assigned for the committee work. The closing prayer was given by the Rev. H. A. Kramer.

## Enrollment

### Pastors

A. F. Abele, 126 W. 9th St., Erie, Pa.  
A. C. G. Baltzer, Em., 371 Maplewood Dr., Rochester, N. Y.  
Conrad Bachmann, Cattaraugus, N. Y.  
Wm. Bauer, 634 Catherine St., Syracuse, N. Y.  
Herbert Brethauer, 148 Eaton St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
Irving K. Dietsche, 11 Washington St., Attica, N. Y.  
O. J. Dietsche, 651 Riley St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
F. W. Duhl, Wayland, N. Y.  
H. A. Fenske, 481 McKinley Pkwy, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Christian Fetzer, F. R. 1, Attica, N. Y.  
Paul Frankenfeld, 16 Peoria St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
Paul Frohne, 108 Hewitt Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.  
J. Paul Goebel, 406 Deer St., Dunkirk, N. Y.  
Edward Gottlieb, Ebenezer, N. Y.  
Carl G. Haass, 192 Child St., Rochester, N. Y.  
Herman J. Hahn, 23 Calumet Pl., Buffalo, N. Y.  
Rodney Heckmann, 115 Gold St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
W. Hetzel, 106 Morgan St., Tonawanda, N. Y.  
Elmer Hoefler, 96 Saranac St., Rochester, N. Y.  
John S. Huebschmann, 181 Dearborn St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
W. M. Jeschke, Richmond and Utica, Buffalo, N. Y.  
R. H. Keller, 591 N. Oak St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
Karl Kindt, R. R. 1, N. Tonawanda, N. Y.  
Henry A. Kraemer, 64 N. Ogden St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
Philip Kraus, D.D., Em., 1041 Water St., Meadville, Pa.  
F. H. Krohne, M.A., 364 E. Genesee St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
J. L. Kulbartz, 200 Jewett Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.  
Braynard E. Kurkowski, 53 Lark St., Rochester, N. Y.  
Paul Langhorst, 35 E. Parade Circle, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Henry Leemhuis, 324 W. Embargo St., Rome, N. Y.  
T. Lehmann, 94 Courier Blvd., Kenmore, N. Y.  
R. W. Locher, 79 Elm St., Hornell, N. Y.  
Carl Loos, 1709 Gunnison Drive, Erie, Pa.  
T. Mayer, 174 Schenck St., N. Tonawanda, N. Y.  
L. A. Moessner, 569 Park Ave., Meadville, Pa.  
Leon K. Molter, 66 Locust St., Lockport, N. Y.  
F. W. Muehlinghaus, Em., 535 Leopard St., Dunkirk, N. Y.  
E. T. Mueller, M.D., 1153 Oliver St., N. Tonawanda, N. Y.  
A. J. Nies, 38-Linden Pkwy, Buffalo, N. Y.  
F. D. Oberkircher, 525 W. Tenth St., Erie, Pa.  
Walter Ott, 528 High St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
F. W. Pfitzer, 25 Crossman Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.



R. A. Philbrook, 23 Seminary Ave., Auburn, N. Y.  
 Merl Schiffman, Boston, N. Y.  
 Paul M. Schroeder, 230 Franklin St., Rochester, N. Y.  
 William Schild, 308 Adams St., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Max Sennwald, Forks, N. Y.  
 Bernard Tepas, 1080 Portland Ave., Rochester, N. Y.  
 Irving Tepas, 86 Erie Ave., Gowanda, N. Y.  
 T. Trost, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester, N. Y.  
 T. Twente, 1206 Oliver St., N. Tonawanda, N. Y.  
 A. E. Viehe, 72 Main St., Hamburg, N. Y.  
 R. Vieweg, 161 Dewitt Ave., Elmira, N. Y.  
 Carl Vogelmann, 25 Chamberlain Dr., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Carl Zimmermann, 204 Cumberland Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 A. R. Zink, Em., 17 Minnetonka Rd., Buffalo, N. Y.

#### Lay-Delegates

(The offerings reported below were paid at the time of the conference.)

City, Church, and Delegate	District Offering	Ent. Fund
Attica, N. Y., St. Paul, Mrs. Mary Radder .....		4.00
Auburn, N. Y., St. Lucas .....		
Bennington, N. Y., Salem .....	3.22	2.00
Boston, N. Y., St. Paul .....		
Buffalo, N. Y., Bethany, Geo. Moda .....		
Bethlehem, John Brueckmann .....		10.00
Calvary .....		
Christ, Henry Swyers .....	46.23	4.00
Friedens .....		
Grace, Elmer C. Stosser .....		3.00
Immanuel, Geo. Butler .....	29.34	5.00
Kenilworth .....	4.00	2.00
Kenmore, Mrs. E. Muenzel .....		3.00
Pilgrim, .....		
St. Andrews, John Deth .....	33.12	
St. James .....	25.00	
St. John's .....		
St. Luke's, William Gruss .....		
St. Matthew's .....		
St. Paul's-St. Mark's, Wm. Bender, Carl Sickman..		7.50
St. Peter's, Henry Eisenberger .....	146.48	
St. Stephen's, Wm. Grotzka .....	55.78	5.00
Salem, George Brickner .....	6.80	
South Side, Valentine Neureuter .....	12.16	
Trinity, William Roess .....	37.38	8.00
Forks, N. Y. ....		
Cattaraugus, N. Y., St. John's .....		
Dunkirk, N. Y., St. John's .....		3.00



City, Church, and Delegate	District Offering	Ent. Fund
Eden, N. Y., St. John's .....		
Elmira, N. Y., German Evang., Wm. Dobberstain ....	25.00	5.00
East Hamburg, N. Y., Immanuel .....	3.40	3.00
Gowanda, N. Y., Trinity, John Eggen, Floyd Stage ....	10.00	3.00
Hamburg, N. Y., St. James, Albert C. Knack .....	25.00	5.00
Hornell, N. Y., St. Paul's, Gordon Sick .....		5.00
Lockport, N. Y., St. Peter's, August Laux .....		5.00
Meadville, Pa., Zion, E. J. Werle .....	22.50	5.00
Millersport, N. Y., St. Stephen's .....		
N. Tonawanda, N. Y., Friedens .....		
N. Tonawanda, N. Y., St. Peter's, Walter Toellner ....	25.86	2.00
Orangeville, N. Y., Immanuel .....	3.60	
Perkinsville, N. Y., St. Peter's .....	3.00	2.00
Rochester, N. Y., Christ .....		
St. Paul, Herman C. Pommerening .....		5.00
Salem, Wm. Lauterbach, Wm. Brown, A. G. Rein-		
hard, Ernest Kurkowski, Fred Baetzel .....	215.25	
Trinity, Adam Conrad .....	31.97	5.00
Rome, N. Y., Trinity, Arthur D. Schilling .....		5.00
Shawnee, N. Y., St. Paul's, Bert Moje .....		5.00
Sheldon, N. Y., St. John's .....	3.44	
Syracuse, N. Y., Friedens, H. P. Naumann .....	34.73	5.00
Tonawanda, N. Y., St. Peter's .....		
Tonawanda, N. Y., Salem, William Thuersam .....	51.08	
Townline, N. Y., St. Paul's .....		
Wayland, N. Y., St. Paul's .....	5.00	1.00
Wendelville, N. Y., St. Paul's, Henry Moje .....		5.00
Westfield, N. Y., St. Peter's .....	2.60	1.00
West Seneca, N. Y., St. Peter's .....	15.00	5.00
Snyder, Ont., Can., St. John's, James Morningstar ....	6.40	
Erie, Pa., Christ, George Kuder .....	5.84	
St. Luke's, Mrs. John DeTuerk .....	13.28	
St. Paul's .....	44.48	
Fairview, Pa., St. James .....		
Total for District offering and entertainment, \$1,108.40.		

#### Erie Region

At present united with Buffalo Region

A. F. Abele, 126 W. 9th, Erie, Pa.—St. Luke's—Mrs. John DeTuerk  
J. Paul Goebel, 406 Deer St., Dunkirk, N. Y.—St. John's  
Philip Kraus, D.D., Em., 1041 Water St., Meadville, Pa.  
Carl Loos, 1709 Gunnison Drive, Erie, Pa.—Christ—George Kuder  
L. A. Moessner, 569 Park Ave., Meadville, Pa.—Zion—E. J. Werle  
F. W. Muehlinghaus, Em., 535 Leopard St., Dunkirk, N. Y.  
F. D. Oberkircher, 525 W. Tenth St., Erie, Pa.—St. Paul's  
    St. James, Fairview, Pa., served by Rev. C. Loos.  
    St. Peter's, Westfield, N. Y., served by Rev. J. Paul Goebel.



### Buffalo Region

Conrad Bachmann, Cattaraugus, N. Y., St. John's  
 Herbert Brethauer, 148 Eaton St., Buffalo, N. Y.—Bethany—George  
 Moda  
 Irving K. Dietsche, 11 Washington St., Attica, N. Y.—St. Paul—Mrs.  
 Mary Radder  
 Orangeville, N. Y., Immanuel  
 O. J. Dietsche, 651 Riley St., Buffalo, N. Y.—Kenilworth.  
 H. A. Fenske, 481 McKinley Pkwy., Buffalo, N. Y.—St. Matthews  
 Christian Fetzer, R. R. 1, Attica, N. Y.—Salem, Bennington, N. Y.  
 St. John's, Sheldon, N. Y.  
 Paul Frankenfeld, 16 Peoria St., Buffalo, N. Y.—Immanuel—George  
 Bulter  
 Paul Frohne, 108 Hewitt Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.—Grace—Elmer C. Stosser  
 Edward Gottlieb, Ebenezer, N. Y.—Immanuel—East Hamburg, N. Y.  
 St. Peter's, West Seneca, N. Y.  
 Herman J. Hahn, 23 Calumet St., Buffalo, N. Y.—Salem—George Brick-  
 ner  
 Rodney Heckman, 115 Gold St., Buffalo, N. Y.—Trinity  
 Walter Hetzel, 106 Morgan St., Tonawanda, N. Y.—Salem—William  
 Thuersam  
 John S. Huebschmann, 181 Dearborn St., Buffalo, N. Y.—St. John's  
 St. John's, Snyder, Ont., Can.—James Morningstar  
 W. M. Jeschke, Richmond and Utica, Buffalo, N. Y.—St. Luke's—Wm.  
 Gruss  
 Robert H. Keller, 591 N. Oak St., Buffalo, N. Y.—St. Paul's—St. Mark's—  
 Wm. Bender—Carl Sickmann  
 Karl Kindt, R. R. 1, N. Tonawanda, N. Y.—St. Stephen's—Millersport,  
 N. Y.—St. Paul's, Wendelville, N. Y.—Henry Moje.  
 Henry A. Kraemer, 64 N. Ogden St., Buffalo, N. Y.—Trinity—Wm.  
 Roess.  
 F. H. Krohne, 364 E. Genesee St., Buffalo, N. Y.—St. Peter's—Hy.  
 Eisenberger  
 J. L. Kulbartz, 200 Jewett Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.—Calvary  
 Paul Langhorst, 35 E. Parade Circle, Buffalo, N. Y.—Bethlehem—J.  
 Brueckmann  
 T. Lehmann, 94 Courier Blvd., Kenmore, N. Y.—Kenmore—Mrs. E.  
 Muenzel  
 Theodore Mayer, 174 Schenck St., N. Tonawanda, N. Y.—Friedens—  
 St. John's, Shawnee, N. Y.  
 Leon K. Molter, 66 Locust St., Lockport, N. Y.—St. Peter's—Aug. Laux  
 E. T. Mueller, M.D., 1153 Oliver St., N. Tonawanda, N. Y.  
 A. J. Nies, 38 Linden Pkwy., Buffalo, N. Y.—Pilgrim  
 Walter Ott, 528 High St., Buffalo, N. Y.—St. James  
 F. W. Pfitzer, 25 Crossman Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.—St. Andrews—John Deth  
 St. Paul's, Towline, N. Y.  
 Merl G. Schiffman, Boston, N. Y.—St. Paul's



William Schild, 308 Adams St., Buffalo, N. Y.—St. Stephen's—Wm. Grotzka  
 Max Senewald, Forks, N. Y.—Home for the Aged  
 Irving Tepas, 86 Erie Ave., Gowanda, N. Y.—John Eggen, Floyd Stage  
 T. Twente, 1206 Oliver St., N. Tonawanda, N. Y.—St. Peter's—Walter Toellner  
 A. E. Viehe, 72 Main St., Hamburg, N. Y.—St. James—Albert C. Knack  
 Eden, N. Y.—St. John's  
 Carl Vogelmann, 25 Chamberlain Dr., Buffalo, N. Y.—Christ—Henry Swyers  
 Carl Zimmermann, 204 Cumberland Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.—South Side—Val. Neureuter  
 A. R. Zink, Em., 17 Minnetonka Rd., Buffalo, N. Y.

#### **Rochester Region**

Wm. Bauer, 634 Catherine St., Syracuse, N. Y.—Friedens—H. P. Naumann  
 F. W. Duhl, Wayland, N. Y.—St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Perkinsville, N. Y.  
 Carl G. Haass, 192 Child St., Rochester, N. Y.—Trinity—A. Conrad  
 Elmer Hofer, 96 Saranac St., Rochester, N. Y.—St. Paul's—C. Pommerening  
 Braynard E. Kurkowski, 53 Lark St., Rochester, N. Y.—Dewey Ave. Reformed  
 Henry Leemhuis, 324 W. Embargo St., Rome, N. Y.—Trinity—A. Schilling  
 R. W. Locher, 79 Elm St., Hornell, N. Y.—St. Paul's—Gordon Sick  
 R. A. Philbrook, 23 Seminary Ave., Auburn, N. Y.—St. Luke's  
 Paul M. Schroeder, 230 Franklin St., Rochester, N. Y.—Salem—Below  
 Bernard Tepas, 1080 Portland Ave., Rochester, N. Y.—Christ  
 T. Trost, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester, N. Y.—Colgate-Rochester Divinity School  
 A. C. G. Baltzer, Em., 371 Maplewood Dr., Rochester, N. Y.  
 R. Vieweg, 161 DeWitt Ave., Elmira, N. Y.—German-Evang.—Wm. Dobberstain  
 Salem—Wm. Lauterbach Wm. Brown, A. G. Reinhard, Ernest Kurkowski, Fred Baetzel

#### **Resolutions**

##### **Report of Committee No. 2 on the District President's Report**

1. We believe with the District President that the failure to preach the vital message of Christ, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness," and the lack of proper emphasis on the righteousness of the Kingdom is largely responsible for the maladjustments prevailing in the world today.

If according to the suggestions of the President, we are to look through an open window, it must be opened to the inpouring of the guiding and directing spirit of God.



As the spirit of God through Christ leads the church of today, we must help rebuild the social and economic order of the day in order that the Kingdom of Heaven may truly come on earth.

2. The New York District accepts the motto "A Challenge to Our Membership—Every Member Kingdom-Minded."

Since responsibility is shared only partially by the group, to which the individual belongs, success will not be attained until every individual becomes Kingdom-minded.

3. The District heartily receives into its fellowship those who came from other fields and wishes God-speed to those who have left our midst, congratulates pastors and congregations who were privileged to observe outstanding anniversaries, and extends its sincerest sympathy to those who mourn the departure of their loved ones.

4. The District feels honored in having as its guests Rev. F. Klick, President of the Evangelical Synod and Dr. S. D. Press, President of Eden Theological Seminary.

5. With reference to the resolution of the Buffalo Regional Conference on changing the date of its meeting we refer to the Synodical Constitution, Div. 3, Art. III, Sec. 98.

6. The District very cordially thanks the President, Rev. P. Langhorst, and fellow officers and the District Council, for their diligent, dutiful and efficient work in its behalf. The District votes to give its officers the usual honorarium.

7. The District extends a hearty vote of thanks to Salem Evang. Congregation, its pastor, Rev. W. Hetzel, and his wife, the Church Council, organist, choir and various organizations for their splendid entertainment of the 46th Conference and directs its President to convey these thanks at an opportune time.

8. The District votes a gift of \$15.00 each to the janitor of the entertaining church and the office secretary of the conference.

#### **Committee No. 3. Auditing; District Treasurer, General Treasurer Board of Endowments and Trust Funds**

The New York District expresses its sincere appreciation of the untiring efforts of the Synodical Treasurer, Mr. F. C. Keck, and the efficient manner in which he conducts the affairs of his office and the personal efforts he puts forth to create an interest in the various congregations in the support of the larger tasks of our churches. We suggest that the treasurer send a receipt for all monies received and a letter of commendation to churches making special donations.

We are happy to note that a total of 152 churches have contributed their full quota during the year 1934 showing an increase of 41 over the previous year, yet we must confess that this is a small percentage of the 1200 churches of our Synod. We deplore the fact that over one-half of the congregations did not raise 50% of the quota. Since this is true of our New York District even as it is of the Synod as a whole.

1. The New York District believes that the lack of Synodical support and the reason for the constantly increasing deficit lies not in the



fact that God has failed to bless us, but that so many of our churches have failed God in the support of their larger tasks.

2. The New York District feels that there must be a complete re-thinking of the plan underlying the securing of Kingdom support. The abstract terms of budget and quota must be replaced by terms which will acquaint the prospective giver with the actual need that his gift is expected to meet and that there be inaugurated in every church a definite educational program of training in the principles of Christian stewardship.

3. The New York District instructs the District Council to make personal investigation of the finances of the churches within the District to determine the financial condition of each congregation, and the quota for each congregation be based upon their proportionate financial ability.

4. The New York District urges all its pastors and councilmen to prayerfully consider the spiritual and physical welfare of those who are engaged in the various larger kingdom projects and to make every effort to secure for the Synodical Treasury a more wholehearted support in order that the budget deficit may be reduced out of current receipts and they (the workers) be assured of the prompt and full payment of their salaries.

#### **Report of the Auditing Committee**

1. Your Committee has carefully examined the books and accounts of the District Treasurer, Louis Trost, compared the balances with the bank books and bank statements and finds that the books are kept in an efficient manner and the balances shown on the books to correspond with the statements of the bank.

2. The District expresses its appreciation for the conscientious and efficient manner in which our treasurer has done his part.

#### **Report of the Boards for Endowments and Trust Funds**

1. The District commends the Board of Endowments and Trust Funds for their faithful stewardship during this time of economic depression and rejoices in the fact that no actual loss of funds has been sustained.

2. The District wishes to pay tribute to the faithful services of the Rev. Wm. Grotefeld, who as Chairman of the Board for many years rendered such efficient service, herewith express our heartfelt sympathy to his fellow members of the board and his family.

Respectfully submitted,

*F. Krohne*

*H. Locher*

*C. Zimmerman*

*Mrs. T. Lehman*

*W. Bender*

#### **Report of Committee No. 4. Eden Seminary, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst-Eden Advance**

1. The District commends President Press for his call for a more daring and practical ministry that shall give realistic expression to the ideals of Jesus.



2. We heartily endorse the curriculum extension of Eden Seminary which more closely relates the theoretical to the actual as the most effective method of meeting the desperate social needs of the world today. We particularly urge the development of the Field Work Department.

3. We rejoice over the encouraging progress made at Eden in raising academic standards and in the heightening of cultural values generally.

4. We hail as a forward step in the breaking down of social and denominational barriers the policy of opening the doors of our Seminary to students of other church bodies as well as of other races.

5. We welcome as a real contribution to the broadening of outlook and deepening of knowledge the impressive list of lectures which the seminary made available during the past year and would encourage the continuance and extension of this practice.

6. We note with satisfaction the large enrollment of women students at Elmhurst and would encourage other young women of our churches who are interested in higher education to attend Elmhurst College.

7. We urge the churches of the District that they assume their share in the responsibility of maintaining Elmhurst College.

a) By furnishing students;

b) by raising their Synodical Budget quota, a portion of which is appointed for Elmhurst.

8. We rejoice in the loyalty of the 21,000 friends of our educational institutions who made pledges to the Elmhurst-Eden Advance, and encourage others to follow their splendid example.

9. In view of the fact that the tuition at Elmhurst will probably have to be raised we recommend the creation of student aid funds in local congregation.

*William Bauer*

*J. Paul Goebel*

*E. A. Kurkowski*

*Herman J. Hahn*

*Mrs. J. K. De Tuerk*

*Gordon Sick*

#### **Commission on Christianity and Social Problems**

We believe that it is the mission of the Church to redeem the world.

We interpret this mission to mean the creation of a new social order and not merely the reform of an old one.

We believe that the coming of the "Kingdom of God" implies a complete change in the ecclesiastical, the economic, the social and political structure of our nation and of the world.

Such a complete change would be a transition from a profit-motivated to a service-motivated society, from private ownership to collective ownership of the means of production and from a capitalist economy to a cooperative commonwealth.



Believing that the dynamic for an orderly and a complete change must come from the Church and the pure religion of Jesus Christ—and believing that such a change will only be in the direction of the “Kingdom of God” if it is tempered by the teaching of Christ and by the active participation of the Church in the life of our times,

The New York District of the Evangelical Synod of North America resolves:

1. That as a Christian Church we will oppose war, dictatorships, the private ownership of all property where there is opportunity for the exploitation of basic human rights, and the profit motive and practice in our social life.

2. That as a Christian Church we will support peace, democracy, the social ownership of all property where there is opportunity for the exploitation of basic human rights, and the service motive and practice in our social life.

We shall struggle for these changes as a Church by a technique consistent with the teachings and spirit of Christ.

3. We commend the Board of Religious Education of the Evangelical Synod for devoting the fifth session each day of three of the E. L. T. Schools to the theme: “Christian Youth Building a New World” and for providing a presentation and discussion in these sessions of our contemporary social and economic problems in the light of religion under able leadership.

4. We recommend the use and distribution of Paul Hutchinson’s “The Arms Inquiry” (Christian Century, May 15, 1935). In view of the Nye investigation of the munitions industry we feel more than ever committed to our Synodical stand on war adopted 1925.

5. We recognize the able leadership given to our New York District Committee on Christianity and Social Problems by the Chairman, Herman J. Hahn, and pay tribute to the conviction with which he acts in accordance with his beliefs.

6. We receive with satisfaction the occasional literature sent out by the Synodical Commission on Christianity and Social Problems and hope that provision will be made for the scope of this work to be enlarged.

*R. Heckman*

*E. Hoefler*

*B. Tepas*

*Delegates:* St. Paul’s and St. Mark’s (2); Salem, Rochester (2); St. John’s, Buffalo; St. Paul’s, Wayland; Immanuel, Orangeville.

#### **Committee No. 6. The Report of the President General**

1. The New York District is in full accord with our esteemed President General that “A call to self-examination and reminder of our duty as pastors and members of our congregation” is most opportune and wholesome. We believe that the Christian Church, the custodian of truth and the gospel of salvation, is the only organization which is able “to lead men out of the labyrinth of trouble in which they find



themselves today." The church will be victorious in the measure in which its members will faithfully preach and practice the principles of Jesus Christ.

2. The New York District recognizes gratefully the great personal sacrifice our President General has made in assuming the duties of his office in a time so full of difficult situations and trying problems. May the Lord of the Church daily replenish his strength, and animate us to stand behind our leader with uplifted hands, willing minds and wholehearted co-operation.

3. The New York District gratefully acknowledges the loyal support of those churches which have raised their quota in full or over. We also appreciate the efforts of the churches which, while they were unable to do as well as in former years, have done their best. We encourage all not to become weary in well-doing, but to continue striving courageously to reach the goal.

4. Due to the great importance of the proposed new constitution the New York District deems special district conferences in 1936 necessary for the purpose of considering carefully the presentation of the new constitution, and suggests that these be held as soon after Easter as possible.

5. The New York District extends to all in a season of sorrow and mourning our sincere sympathy. The exceptionally long list of pastors who have advanced to the church triumphant teaches us "to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom."

6. The District directs its pastors and delegates to bring to the attention of our churches and organizations the special communication relating to questionable methods of raising money for the church, which the President has attached to his report. The District reaffirms its stand taken in previous years against the practices mentioned in the report and appeals to the churches to make every effort to raise the funds required through voluntary giving.

#### **The Report of the Executive Secretary**

1. Since the publication of the district minutes in one volume has been an experiment of past years, which failed to become popular, the New York District recommends to publish the several minutes separately.

2. The New York District believes that our "Lenten Pamphlets" should be continued.

3. The New York District recommends the creation of a "Kingdom Service Committee," hoping that in the meantime a more suitable name be found for such a commission.

4. We believe that "Field Work," "Stewardship Education," "Tithing," etc., shall come within the province of the activities of any "Kingdom Committee."

5. We recommend the extensive use of the visual educational material in creating new and increasing old interest in our work.

6. We urge our pastors, delegates, brotherhoods and women's



unions to give the widest possible distribution to the splendid pamphlet "A New Venture of Faith for a New Age."

**Report of Committee 7A. Home Missions and Extension Fund Boards**

Your committee has considered the reports on Home Missions and the Extension Fund and submits the following resolutions:

**I. SYNODICAL BOARD FOR HOME MISSIONS**

1. The District highly approves of the methods employed, the visions seen, and the plans made by the Board for Home Missions. The District would, however, appreciate a more specific report as to the evaluation of the accomplishments relative to dollars expended.

2. The District is expecting fine results from the proposed joint missionary and educational program of the Evangelical and Reformed Boards, and calls the attention of its members to the new mission study text book.

3. The helpful and successful efforts of the Women's Union in several phases of Home Missions work are gratefully recognized by the District.

**II. EXTENSION FUND BOARD**

4a. The District considers the Extension Fund Board work of vital importance, particularly at such a time as this. Congregations benefitting from the funds of this Board are reminded that these monies are legal loans and are not to be considered as gifts.

4b. The District recommends to the Extension Fund Board that the Chairman of the Home Missions Board be informed of any delinquency and lack of cooperation on the part of any church receiving such aid in his district. It is further recommended that the said chairman determine the facts and report them to the Extension Fund Board thereby relieving the District of any embarrassment caused by the wilful evasion of the just and honorable debts by any church within the district.

**III. DISTRICT BOARD**

5. The District finds that the business of its Home Mission Boards has been transacted in a highly efficient and intelligent manner in these critical and difficult times.

6. The District congratulates Grace Church, Buffalo, on its decision to become self-sustaining. In regard to Christ Church, Rochester, the District does not fail to recognize the particular difficulties in this field; nevertheless, it encourages both pastor and congregation to assume the status of a self-sustaining church with optimism and determination.

7. The District considers the reports from Southside, Buffalo, Kenmore and Dewey Avenue Reformed, Rochester very satisfactory. These churches have not only held their own but have made excellent progress in every way. We desire to express our thanks to our mission workers for their faithful service.

8. The District votes the payment of \$250.00 to the Home Missions Board for the continuance of the work being done at the Kenil-



worth Church. In the event of the discontinuance of this field the Board is to be reimbursed for this amount (\$250.00) from the sale of the properties of said Kenilworth Church.

*H. J. Leemhuis, Chairman*  
*Theodore Louis Trost, Secretary*  
*Conrad Bachman*  
*Christian E. Fetzer*  
*H. P. Naumann*  
*H. J. Lauz*  
*Geo. H. Butler*

**Report of Committee 7B. Foreign Missions, District Foreign Missions,  
District Evangelism**

1. The passing of Dr. Paul A. Menzel, D.D., from the church militant to the triumphant prompts us to suggest that we rise in his memory and salute him. He was a "happy warrior" on the battle field of our Foreign Missions for many years. While he belonged to the Synod at large, we, of the New York District feel that this was his home section and we are entitled to our own sorrow.

*"Ach, sie haben einen guten Mann begraben  
Und mir war er mehr."*

2. We are ready to initiate an effort to perpetuate the memory of the late Dr. Menzel by collecting a fund for the establishment of a lectureship in our Eden Theological Seminary, by means of which foreign missionary ideals, aims, methods, etc., may be effectively impressed on students in training for the Christian ministry.

3. We are glad that our Foreign Missions Board can report spiritual progress in connection with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the taking over and taking on Foreign Missions as part of our Synodical program. We know that it could not have been the Golden Jubilee, in the sense of financial prosperity and, what is more, we realize that material advances in our work abroad will not be possible unless and until social injustices are lifted at home.

4. While we hope that the merger of the Reformed Church in the United States with our Synod will result in a considerable saving in overhead expenses, in elimination of duplicated efforts, we stress our anticipations thus. May this union deepen our love for all brethren, intensify our interest in Foreign Missions, enlarge our field of effort and activity at home and abroad and give us a wider outlook upon our possibilities and responsibilities, more of a world vision.

5. It is our earnest prayer, and we pledge ourselves to do as we pray, that the call of our Foreign Mission Board will be heard and heeded, namely for the replacement of nine missionaries, urgently needed, in places where workers had to return or were compelled to give up their work on account of illness, or lack of financial support.

6. One of the most noteworthy and hopeful signs of the times in our Foreign Missionary field is the increase of the spirit and ability of independence in the native churches, the organization of the India



Mission District and the admission of three newly organized congregations to the Mission District. Our congratulations go out to our Christian brothers and sisters abroad and our prayers are, "May their tribe increase."

7. Concerning Interdenominational Cooperation we accept with joy and without their "perhaps" the statement of our Foreign Mission Board "perhaps cooperation is more advanced in the foreign missionary field than anywhere else along the line." We know it is and believe there should be more of this unity of the spirit and resolve anew to pray and work for Christ's ideal "That they all may be one."

8. We compliment the Foreign Mission Board upon its policy to stay within its income and our brotherly advice is that this policy be continued in the future with firmness and consistency. At the same time we believe that with the return of better times there should also be an increase in the sacrificial spirit of our people, their missionary interest and their generosity in giving.

9. We believe that the Evangelical Society for Medical Missions is doing a promising and much needed piece of work, we rejoice in its past successes and suggest as a possibility for increasing its membership and support the systematic approach of all medical men and women in our church, especially the trained and registered nurses.

10. We cannot help noticing the deplorable fact that some copies of the Annual Reports of Synodical Officers and Boards to the Districts, which are intended for the District Conference Delegates (but mailed to the pastors) do not reach their destination and therefore do not fulfill their purposes. In the interest of better conference work we admonish that this indifference and negligence be done away with.

11. In addition to the recommendation of the District Committee on Evangelism, which we heartily approve, we offer to the Regional Conferences the thought of the evangelistic possibilities that may lie in the concerted exchange of preachers within our District, at least once a year, or during the summer months, or / and during the Lenten Season especially, such as the ministers of the Rochester Regional Conference are planning for July and August of this year.

*R. Vieweg*

*M. R. Sennewald*

*Dr. E. T. Mueller*

*Wm. Gruss*

**Committee No. 8. Synodical and District Boards of Religious Education  
(On the Synodical Report)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**

With increasing frequency we hear that the Sunday school has arrived at an impasse, yet the New York District recognizes the difficulties of the day as reflected in our Sunday school as well as in the various other phases of church work, it nevertheless feels that the whole Sunday school work represents the most apropos educative system that the Protestant churches today possess, which dare not be cut



away from the church nor crowded into obsolescence until a program of finer and more virile objectives has replaced it. Therefore, be it resolved that the District encourage the Board of Religious Education in its efforts to maintain a sound, practical program of Religious Education.

#### NEW INTEREST IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The New York District notes with interest that the labyrinth of confusion has unmistakably driven men and women back to a re-examination of their Christian standards, and concomitant with that, to a revaluation of their thought and action. The gratifying evidence is very marked in the increased attendance upon the summer camps and training schools, the increased demand for Christian literature, and the fifty per cent increase in the service library circulation as reported by the Board of Religious Education. Such a report is encouraging in the face of the exaggerated view of greatly lessened Christian activity. The District sincerely rejoiced over this apparent heightened interest.

#### CO-ORDINATION OF WORK OF CHRISTIAN TRAINING

The District observes with interest the work being done to merge the Board of Religious Education of the "R" group with that of the "E" constituency, and warmly commends the keymen for such laudable work. Further, feeling that the institution of Religious Education strives for a greater oneness in the United Church, the District therefore prays for an early consummation of the coordination of the Work of Christian Education.

#### LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOLS

With a membership of over one-half million coming to us in the Sunday schools for guidance in the development of Christian vision, Christian attitudes and Christian action, the District finds it of paramount important to continue in the development of leadership training and counsels every Sunday school to recognize the wisdom of a trained staff.

New York District urges upon its Sunday school officers and teachers the study of Standard "B" for the Sunday church school as promoted by the International Council of Religious Education to the end that its utility may be realized in its schools. Copies of this Standard may be secured from the District Committee on Religious Education.

The New York District commends the wise management of the Dunkirk Conference Grounds and its greater use for inspirational and educational purposes and evidence in the promotion of a "Family Week."

The District regrets that this worthy project has not received the financial support it so eminently merits.

<i>Rev. J. Schaefer</i>	<i>William B. Roess, Secretary</i>
<i>Rev. J. Kulbartz</i>	<i>August G. Reinhardt</i>
<i>Rev. A. C. G. Baltzer</i>	<i>Rev. W. Marion Jeschke, Chairman</i>
	<i>George J. Kuder</i>



### Committee No. 9. Federations

#### EVANGELICAL BROTHERHOOD

1. The New York District rejoices in the fact that our Brotherhoods are holding their own in the face of many difficulties. We encourage the local churches not to lose heart in the Men's Work.
2. We suggest to reorganize and revive existing work by stressing the annual projects recommended by the Executive Secretary, as reading courses, monthly programs, and retreats. Existing Brotherhoods are urged to hold the Men and Mission Meeting in October or November of this year, and contribute toward the Student Support Fund.
3. We recognize with joy the reorganization of the New York District Brotherhood and wish it Godspeed.
4. We urge wholehearted participation of all local organizations of whatever name in the Men's Retreat at Dunkirk, July 20-21, and the Convention at Erie on October 13 and 14.

#### WOMEN'S UNION

1. Congratulations are in order on the Growth and Progress of the work of our Women's Union and above all on the Leadership which it has given in many phases of our church work.
2. In view of the valuable contributions which the organized Women's Union work can make toward the life of the church, we urged every pastor to lend his personal assistance in securing the cooperation of each society in the District.
3. In particular we are proud of the fine support given by our District's Women's Union to the maintenance of our Dunkirk property.

#### EVANGELICAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

1. We commend the General League Headquarters for so faithfully carrying on the important work of our young people, in spite of such unusual financial difficulties.
2. We bring to the attention of all Conference Delegates the new "Christian Youth Movement" in America and recommend to every local church the immediate cooperation in this movement of building a new world.
3. We call attention of all churches of our District to the Annual Young People's Convention of the New York District to be held on the Conference Grounds, Dunkirk, on August 31 to September 2.
4. We take very special recognition of the very generous and enthusiastic manner in which the Buffalo Youth Federation has contributed to the support of the Dunkirk property.

*F. W. Duhl*

*T. Mayer*

*E. Gottlieb*

*E. J. Werle*

*A. C. Knack*

*W. Toellner*

*H. S. Wyers*



#### **Committee No. 10. Dunkirk Board**

1. We authorize the District Council to have a study made of the administration of the Dunkirk property, looking forward to a satisfactory reorganization.

2. We regret that only 80 out of 209 congregations, from the four Districts (Atlantic, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania) have contributed to the support of Dunkirk this past year.

3. We especially commend the interest of our women in heading contributions to Dunkirk. We list herewith the standing.

Women .....	\$2,262.69
Sunday School .....	1,649.30
Young People .....	850.00
Men's Organizations .....	183.50

4. We note with pleasure the great activity and increase of enrollments for the camps, E. L. T. S. and especially the Family Week.

We endorse the two week program set up by the Family Week Committee and we are happy to hear that registrations already assure the success of this venture for 1935.

5. We continue the \$200 a year pledge from the New York District Treasury. Previous pledges paid were: July 20, 1933, \$200; July 20, 1934, \$200.

6. The New York District recognizes the excellent educational advantages to our churches that are being offered to our people in the various setups.

#### **Committee No. 10. Federation of Evangelical Charities**

1. As these institutions work in different fields and localities, many of them remote from our district, we only can urge them to do their work well. We recognize the fine work already accomplished.

*J. S. Huebschmann*

*H. A. Fencke*

*Adam Conrad*

*Henry Moji*

#### **Report of Committee No. 11. Board of Publications, Pension and Relief, Historical Commission, Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance**

The New York District believes that a Theological Journal in which Evangelical and Reformed men and women may be given opportunity of expression, should be re-established by the Evangelical and Reformed Church as soon as feasible.

The New York District looks forward with interest to the new publication of the merged church "The Messenger," which is to make its appearance in October of this year.

The New York District is gratified to learn that it was possible to increase pensions over that paid for the past year and gratefully acknowledges the assistance given to the Pension and Relief by the Women's Union.

The New York District would remind all members of the District that membership in the Pension Fund is now obligatory to all minis-



ters under 55 and that such who are still on the non-member list comply.

The New York District congratulates the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association for the splendid businesslike manner in which it conducted its affairs and urges the constituency of the District to take advantage of the low rates our own association offers.

Concurring with the opinion of the Historical Commission that the merger with the Reformed Church should not abrogate the continued interest in the historical research pertaining to the origins and development of the Evangelical Synod, the New York District recommends a continuance of the research work so ably begun.

*F. W. Pfitzer, Chairman  
Carl G. Vogelmann*

At a meeting of the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association held Friday, June 14, 1935, Mr. C. J. Woltz, 1125 Genesee St., Buffalo, N. Y., was re-elected inspector.

#### **Resolutions of Laymen's Group**

1. Be it resolved, that in order to reduce the growing deficit of our Synodical Institutions that the church boards and the ministers of our District be requested to encourage in their respective fields through proper information to a more liberal attitude toward the financial needs of the Synod and the larger Kingdom work.

2. Be it further resolved that the men of the District be urged to attend the Men's Retreat, Dunkirk, N. Y., July 20-21, also the District Brotherhood Convention to be held at Christ Church, Erie, Pa., October 13 and 14. We consider these retreats and conventions a positive aid in deepening the spiritual life and in the promotion of greater interest of our cause.

3. Be it further resolved that we request that in future Conferences the time set aside for the Laymen's Meeting be extended to a period of two hours.

4. Be it further resolved that the sum of \$200 be contributed from the Contingency Fund of the District for the next two years for the Student Aid Fund.

*Wm. Bender, Chairman  
A. J. Laux*

#### **Special Resolution**

1. The New York District specifically designates the delegates elected at this District Conference for the next General Synod as the duly elected delegates of the district for the General Synod in 1936, unless the president of the Evangelical Synod calls a special conference of all districts to consider some problems related to the merger. In this event the conference should be held as soon after Easter as possible.

2. The New York District believes that the messages presented in the papers at our conference namely, "The Church Member and the Synodical Program," by Pastor F. Krohne, "The Discipline of Love," by Pastor Theo. Mayer, "The Christian and the Social Problem," by



Pastor H. Hahn, deserve the widest possible dissemination and therefore offers them to the Board of Promotion for the widest possible distribution.

3. The New York District deeply appreciates the official visit of President F. C. Klick and Dr. S. D. Press and conveys to them the assurance that their messages have been most challenging and stimulating to the members of our conference.

4. The New York District overtures the Commission on Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to incorporate into the new Constitution and By-Laws the provision for a Commission on Social Action ranking with the major commissions and administrative boards of the United Church.

5. The District authorizes the President and Secretary to edit printed minutes.

*P. L. Schroeder*

*Karl Kindt*

*Karl Loos*

### **Services and Addresses**

In the opening service of the conference, on Tuesday evening, the pastor loci, Rev. Walter Hetzel presided, Dr. S. D. Press, Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, preached the sermon, and Rev. Paul Langhorst assisted in the communion service.

On Wednesday morning the Rev. Carl Loos conducted the memorial service.

The devotions were led by Rev. H. J. Leemhuis, Rome, N. Y., who spoke on "The Sustaining Work of God"; Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, Rochester, N. Y., who spoke on "Divine Resource for Effective Living"; Rev. Louis Moessner, Meadville, Pa., who spoke on "From Vision to Action"; and Rev. W. Marion Jeschke, Buffalo, N. Y., who spoke on "Ambassadors of Christ."

In the Wednesday evening service Rev. J. Paul Goebel presided and Rev. B. Tepas offered prayer, while the sermon was preached by President F. Klick on "The Heart of Kingdom Service—Love."

On Thursday evening the service was presided over by Rev. Carl Zimmermann, Buffalo, N. Y., and Rev. A. F. Abele, Erie, Pa., preached the sermon.

On Wednesday afternoon President F. Klick spoke of the work done in the past and appealed to the District to unite and carry on the work as one man in the days to come. Rev. H. J. Hahn spoke on "Christianity and Social Problems"; Dr. S. D. Press on "The Ministry"; Rev. Frederick Krohne on "Church Members and the Synodical Program and Rev. Theo. Mayer on "The Discipline of Love in Kingdom Support."

### **Traveling Expenses**

The traveling expenses for the ministers were fixed at \$1.55 and for the lay-delegates at \$1.85. Any surplus is to be paid into the District Treasury.



### **Excuses**

Excused with participation in traveling expenses: St. John's, Dunkirk; St. Peter's Westfield; St. Peter's, West Seneca; Immanuel, East Hamburg; St. Luke's, Auburn; Salem, Bennington; Southside, Buffalo.

Excused from attendance and participation: Kenilworth, Buffalo.

Excused for part of Conference: Rev. Elmer Hoefer, Rev. H. A. Kraemer, Rev. Th. Trost, Rev. P. Schroeder, Rev. I. Dietsche, Rev. L. Moessner, and Edward Werle.

### **1937 Conference**

Voted to accept the invitation to hold the 1937 conference in the German Evangelical Church at Elmira, N. Y., Rev. R. Vieweg, pastor.

In conference assembled, the members of the New York District of the Evangelical and Reformed Church (a group of ministers and laymen representing approximately sixty congregations) remembering the German birth and background of Mr. Carl F. Siekmann, the service he has rendered his fatherland as well as the land of his adoption as a teacher of German in the public schools of this city and in the University of Buffalo for more than half a century and the splendid contribution he has made during the past fifty years to the cultural and religious life of American citizens of German birth, herewith bespeak for him the most favorable consideration when the vacancy created by the death of Alphonse Carl, former German Consul, is filled.

Visitors to the conference, Rev. J. Peck, president of the Pittsburgh Synod, Reformed Church in U. S., Rev. C. Rostofer, president of the Ministerial Association of the Tonawandas, Rev. Frederick Diehm, Immanuel Reformed Church, Rochester, N. Y.

The Moderator and Vice-moderator received the hearty thanks of the District for their splendid work.

The District minutes are to have the final approval of the District Council.

The matter of an "Anniversary Booklet" for the fiftieth anniversary of the District is to be considered by the Historical Commission and they are to report back to the special 1936 conference.

### **Officers of the District**

Rev. Paul Langhorst, 35 E. Parade Circle, Buffalo, N. Y., President.

Rev. Robert Keller, 591 Oak St., Buffalo, N. Y., Vice-President.

Rev. Carl Haass, 192 Child St., Rochester, N. Y., Secretary.

Mr. Louis Trost, 343 McKinley Parkway, Buffalo, N. Y., Treasurer.

### **District Council**

Rev. A. J. Nies, Buffalo, N. Y. (1937), Mr. William Bender, Buffalo, N. Y. (1939), Mr. Fred Baetzel, Rochester (1941).

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

(Term expires 1937)

The President of the District and Mr. Henry Albrecht, Rochester, N. Y.



### District Court

(Term expires 1937)

Rev. R. Vieweg, Rev. Carl Loos, Rev. Max Sennewald, Mr. Carl Wenger,  
Mr. Henry Ziegler.

District Counsellor—Rev. Fred Krohne.

### District Boards

(The District Conference elects one-third of the membership. The year after name denotes expiration of term).

1. HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Fred Pfitzer (1937), Rev. A. Viehe (1939), Mr. Henry Walter (1937), Mrs. F. Schultz (1939), Rev. Walter Hetzel (1941), Mr. Adam Conrad (1941).

2. FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Mr. Wm. Walch (1937), Rev. Th. Twente (1939), Rev. J. Huebschmann (1941).

3. BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rev. Walter Ott (1937), Mrs. Elizabeth Koepf (1937), Rev. Rodney Heckmann (1939), Rev. R. Locher, Mr. Henry Eisenberger (1939), Walter Machmer ( ), William Neumann ( ), Rev. T. Trost (1941), Fred Oswald (1941).

4. PENSION BOARD

Rev. Wm. Bauer (1937), Rev. L. Moessner (1939), Rev. Frederick Krohne (1941).

5. BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Rev. Wm. Bauer (1937), Rev. H. Kraemer (1939), Rev. L. Moessner (1941).

### Committees

1. *Social Service*—Rev. H. J. Hahn, Rev. Walter Ott.

2. *Evangelical League*—Rev. B. Tepas, Rev. M. Schiffman, William Lauterbach, Roy Timm, Helen Pope.

3. *Advisory Committee* (elected)—A. District Brotherhood: Rev. Carl G. Haass, Rev. H. A. Fenske. B. District Women's Federation: Rev. E. Hoefer, Rev. J. Paul Goebel.

4. *Historical Commission*—Rev. R. Vieweg, Rev. A. C. G. Baltzer, Rev. Carl G. Haass, District Secretary, Rev. T. Trost, Rev. H. A. Kramer, Rev. C. Bachmann.

5. *Evangelism*—Rev. L. K. Molter.

*Contingency Fund*—The District Officers.

*Inspector, Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association*—Mr. C. J. Woltz, 1125 Genesee St., Buffalo, N. Y.

### Delegates to the General Conference

A. Pastors—Rev. R. Vieweg, Rev. R. Keller, Rev. Frederick Krohne, Rev. P. Frankenfeld, Rev. P. Langhorst, ex officio. Alternates—



Rev. Th. Mayer, Rev. E. Hoefer, Rev. Carl G. Haass, Rev. A. E. Viehe.

B. Laymen—Louis Trost, Edward Werle, Wm. Bender, Henry Albrecht.  
Alternates—Carl Sickmann, Wm. Naumann, Wm. Brown, Henry Eisenberger.

### Delegates to the General Synod

A. Pastors—Rev. R. Vieweg, Rev. P. Langhorst, Rev. R. Keller. Alternates—Rev. Th. Mayer, Rev. E. Hoefer, Rev. Carl G. Haass.

B. Laymen—Edward Werle, Wm. Bender, Henry Albrecht. Alternates—Carl Sickmann, Wm. Brown, Wm. Naumann.

*Carl G. Haass, Secretary.*

*Paul Langhorst, President.*



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**46th CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**NORTH ILLINOIS DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**  
Held in  
**Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois**  
Dr. Timothy Lehmann, President  
**June 18-21, 1935**

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At 10:30 o'clock in the morning of June 18, 1935, the 46th Conference of the North Illinois District, of the Evangelical Synod of North America (Evangelical and Reformed Church), was opened with a worship service held in St. Peter Evangelical Church of Elmhurst, Ill., Dr. F. Frankenfeld, pastor. The Rev. A. B. Gaebe served at the altar, and the Rev. Alfred E. Meyer delivered the message, basing his discourse on Exodus 14: 13, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." The members of the Conference were admonished to use the Conference days as a time in which to heed this scriptural suggestion. Dr. T. Lehmann, President of Elmhurst College, where the Conference sessions were held, welcomed the delegates to the Conference in a most cordial way. A response voicing the appreciation of the District for the kind invitation and welcome extended, was given by the District President, the Rev. Arno A. Zimmermann. At the close of the service all joined in the celebration of Holy Communion, at which service Dr. T. Lehmann and the Rev. Arno A. Zimmermann officiated.

The following pastors conducted the devotionals held at the opening of each business session: Revs. E. Busekros, F. Piepenbrok, S. A. Recht and B. C. Ott.

The evening service on Tuesday was held in the College Chapel, with the Rev. H. H. Senne in charge. Dr. L. W. Goebel, the Synodical Representative, delivered a challenging address on the subject "The Work of the Evangelical Synod." Pastors and delegates were challenged to honestly face the situation in the world and the church today and to undergird the program of the church. Dr. T. Lehmann, President of Elmhurst College, gave a stirring address on the subject "Putting Christian Education Upon a Higher Plane."

Other addresses given were: "The Meaning of a Truly Spiritual



Ministry," by Dr. S. D. Press, President of Eden Seminary; "The Work of Christian Missions in Japan," by Dr. C. D. Kriete.

### **Memorial Service**

A special Memorial Service was held in St. Peter's Evangelical Church on Wednesday evening. The service was in charge of the Rev. George W. Goebel serving at the altar. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Horst.

### **Members of the District**

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#### Congregations

##### ARLINGTON HEIGHTS REGION

Place—Church—Delegate	1934	1934	Desig.
	Quota	Paid	
Addison Twp., St. John, Gewecke, Hy. ....	\$1200.00	\$ 195.00	\$ —
Arlington Hts., St. John, Helfers, Ben.....	400.00	100.51	21.24
Barrington, St. Paul, Sass, Arnold H.....	700.00	250.00	—
Bartlett, Immanuel, Knaak, Albert .....	500.00	69.85	—
Bensenville, Friedens, Goeddecke, Aug. C. ..	600.00	142.98	3.00
Carpentersville, Zion .....	300.00	24.81	—
Crystal Lake, St. Paul .....	200.00	5.70	—
Deerfield, St. Paul .....	400.00	78.31	—
Des Plaines, Christ, Manz, H. C. ....	700.00	325.00	5.00
Elgin, St. Paul, Weidner, Wm. (alternate, Dahn, Jno.) .....	1500.00	218.28	6.00
Hannover Twp., Immanuel, Berndt, Jno. ....	400.00	163.80	—
Harmony, St. John, Gurke, Leslie .....	150.00	—	48.27
Lake Zurich, St. Peter, Howe, John .....	500.00	155.85	—
Long Grove, Evangelical, Hans, H. ....	200.00	191.75	40.00
Northbrook, St. Peter, Rugen, Fred .....	1000.00	650.00	—
Palatine, St. Paul, Schoppe, Robert .....	725.00	150.74	8.85
Plum Grove, St. John, Bergmann, Daniel ..	50.00	30.00	10.00
Union, St. John, Voss, Ferdinand .....	150.00	50.00	9.00



# CHAMPAIGN REGION

Place—Church—Delegate	1934 Quota	1934 Paid	Desig.
Champaign, St. Peter .....	1000.00	600.00	70.66
Broadlands, St. John .....	200.00	50.00	—
Sidney, St. Paul .....	100.00	—	—
Bloomington, Friedens .....	650.00	—	15.00
Lincoln, St. John, Bock, Walter .....	1650.00	730.00	60.00
Minonk, St. Paul, Stimpert, Dan .....	1000.00	500.00	10.00
Minier, St. John, Keim, Menno .....	1000.00	269.14	—
Petersburg, St. Paul .....	625.00	79.01	10.00
Greenview, St. John, Miller, H. ....	200.00	120.64	—
Pekin, St. Paul, Dunkelberg, Louis—Deppert, Geo. ....	1900.00	1700.00	230.50
Danville, St. John .....	500.00	110.00	—
Creve Coeur, Heisel, Irving .....	—	9.00	—

# CHICAGO REGION

Bethany, Rehfeldt, Wm. G. ....	1600.00	200.00	—
Bethlehem, Braun, Jul. ....	700.00	200.00	5.00
Eden, Schweigert, Fred .....	700.00	200.00	5.00
Edison Park .....	125.00	75.00	45.00
Epiphany, Bruckner, Mrs. Eleanor .....	400.00	130.00	40.66
First English, Obermeier, J.—Simmons, A. G. ....	1800.00	1531.00	108.98
Gethsemane, Freyer, Frank C. ....	800.00	130.00	110.00
Nazareth, Kautz, Albert .....	1000.00	100.00	—
Nicolai, Gade, Wm. ....	600.00	314.65	14.57
Our Redeemer .....	—	20.00	5.00
Ravenswood, Dittmann, A. C. ....	650.00	16.05	—
St. James .....	50.00	49.75	—
St. John, Weber, Samuel .....	800.00	300.00	35.06
St. John (Highland Pk.) .....	100.00	25.00	5.00
St. John (Evanston), Galitz, E. J. ....	600.00	293.89	—
St. Matthew .....	300.00	7.30	16.70
St. Paul, Knaphurst, Henry .....	2500.00	200.00	85.00
St. Paul (Rosehill) .....	—	—	—
St. Peter, Schoch, A.—Schumacher, E. W. ...	2500.00	1819.55	650.00
St. Peter, South .....	500.00	92.86	—
St. Stephen, Nau, R. ....	1200.00	498.23	40.00
Tabor, Karsted, O. J. ....	600.00	305.85	—
Bethel, Lorenz, F. W. ....	600.00	246.81	5.00
Philippus, Jackson, Albert .....	800.00	600.00	—
Community (Blue Island) .....	150.00	61.33	—
Salem, Bazner, Wm. F. ....	1600.00	599.15	21.00
First Ev. Gary, Henson, Raphael .....	50.00	21.25	7.76
Friedens (Thornton) .....	75.00	10.00	—
St. Andrews, Wolff, Wm. ....	350.00	137.30	—
St. Lukes, Faulmann, Wm.—Dr. Homan ....	1000.00	750.00	—



Place—Church—Delegate	1934 Quota	1934 Paid	Desig.
Grace, Freckmann, Louis .....	500.00	75.00	70.00
Edgewater .....	300.00	—	—
Pilgrim Mission .....	—	—	—
St. Paul (Blue Island) .....	900.00	167.73	31.42
Immanuel, Hupe, R. W. ....	2000.00	710.68	—
St. Paul Community (Homewood) Rehberg, Miss Romhilda .....	400.00	140.00	—
Immanuel (Dolton) Reich, Alban P. ....	250.00	123.36	—
St. Peter (Niles Center) .....	650.00	71.22	110.00
Immanuel (Hammond) Kaiser, Wm. ....	900.00	482.14	—
Trinity, Wanderer, Carl .....	1100.00	1050.00	50.00
Peace, Wiegman, Wm. G. ....	2500.00	606.86	7.00
Zion, Schilld, C. S. ....	1000.00	—	—
Peace (Harvey) .....	250.00	255.10	5.00
Zion (Wash. Hts.) .....	600.00	73.15	—

#### CHICAGO-SUBURBAN REGION

Addison, Immanuel, Senf, Wm. ....	350.00	235.74	19.36
Aurora-Plano, St. John, Dittmann, Conrad ..	500.00	260.67	26.56
Bellwood, Friedens, Korrell, P. H.—Gerdes, P.	350.00	140.00	—
Bloomingtondale, St. Paul, Leiseberg, Chas. ...	500.00	112.15	5.00
Chicago, Gloeckner Memorial .....	700.00	100.00	—
Chicago, Zion, Knaak, Rich .....	250.00	31.85	—
Downers Grove, St. Paul .....	600.00	278.57	5.00
Elmhurst, St. Peter, Vonderohe, Emil H. ...	1100.00	601.64	61.20
Glen Ellyn, St. James .....	200.00	—	—
Hinckley, St. Paul, Bastian, Alf. W. ....	450.00	283.86	30.77
Hinsdale, Immanuel .....	200.00	100.00	—
Hinsdale, St. John .....	200.00	75.00	—
Lyons, St. John .....	200.00	—	—
Mannheim, St. Paul, Tiedemann, Arthur ....	175.00	50.00	5.00
Melrose Park, St. John .....	500.00	84.09	—
Naperville, St. John .....	325.00	91.07	—
Oak Park, Evang. Luth., Fred Seger .....	150.00	25.00	—
River Grove, Grace .....	50.00	14.80	—
West Chicago, St. Michael, Huft, Albert ....	400.00	276.07	5.00

#### LA SALLE-FREEPORT REGION

Adeline, Zion .....	200.00	114.07	5.22
Belvidere, St. John .....	300.00	61.67	5.00
Brandenburg, Friedens, Heise, Herman ....	300.00	126.50	—
Davis, St. Paul, Meier, Daniel .....	1000.00	758.39	93.80
Eleroy, Salem, Prasse, Ad. ....	775.00	529.00	25.00
Freeport, St. John, Dittmann, Albert .....	1800.00	1000.00	30.00
Geneseo, St. Peter .....	200.00	72.00	5.00
Hollowayville. Evang. Prot. ....	375.00	13.50	—
Kewanee, St. Peter .....	600.00	—	5.00



Place—Church—Delegate	1934 Quota	1934 Paid	Desig.
La Moille, St. Paul .....	100.00	57.20	—
La Salle, Evang. Prot., Schleicher, Art. F. ..	600.00	283.89	25.00
Loran, Ebenezer .....	250.00	62.23	119.85
North Grove, Zion .....	400.00	300.68	41.96
Rockford, Bethel .....	50.00	50.00	5.30

#### MONEE REGION

Dyer, Ind., Zion, Seehausen, Wm. ....	375.00	173.92	—
Peotone, Immanuel, Gebhardt, Aug. ....	1200.00	455.50	10.00
Peotone, St. John, Werner, Hy. ....	200.00	96.22	—
Papineau, Immanuel, Hinrichs, Chr. ....	275.00	33.04	—
Monee, St. Paul, Triem, Phil. J. ....	1000.00	375.00	—
Beecher, St. Lukas, Tramm, Chas. ....	1000.00	411.12	25.00
Washington Twp., St. John, Tatge, Hy. A. ..	200.00	172.50	2.50
Grant Park, St. Peter, Moecker, Hy. ....	800.00	301.00	—
Gilman, Zion, Schriefer, Otto .....	350.00	110.00	—
Kankakee, St. John .....	800.00	316.16	35.00
Frankfort, St. Peter .....	1000.00	720.00	—
Mokena, St. John, Junker, Wm. C. ....	650.00	61.00	36.73
Manhattan, St. Paul, Stauffenberg, Mrs. Lottie	350.00	112.60	3.40
Chicago Heights, St. John, Mernitz, Mrs. R..	600.00	300.00	65.21
Matteson, Zion .....	150.00	73.03	8.45
Green Garden, St. Peter .....	200.00	27.18	—
Crown Point, Ind., St. John, Batterman, Hy.	375.00	71.28	7.00
Richton, St. Paul .....	100.00	10.00	—

#### Conference Committees

1. *Credentials, Excuses and Traveling Expenses* (Registration).  
Pastors: B. F. Freese, L. P. Landgrebe, K. H. Meyer, J. C. Voeks.  
Congregations: St. Peter, Chicago; Trinity, Chicago; St. Paul, Hinckley; Ev. Protestant, LaSalle.

2. *Resolutions*—Pastors: G. S. Gerhold, Chairman, Paul Crusius, H. W. Dinkmeyer, G. L. Scherger, John Hoefer, A. J. Munstermann, G. A. Winger, H. E. Lambrecht, Herman Koenig, W. Kleffmann. Congregations: Church of Peace, Chicago; St. Luke, Chicago; St. Paul, Pekin; Christ, Des Plaines; St. John, Arlington Heights; Bethlehem, Chicago; St. Paul, Monee; Grace, Chicago.

3. *Application for Membership*—Dr. T. Lehmann, Dr. D. Irion, and Rev. M. Schroedel.

4. *Auditing*—Pastors: Dr. J. Kircher, Ed. Arends, E. Crusius. Congregations: St. Peter, Elmhurst; Bethany, Chicago.

5. *Nominating*—Pastors: H. H. Senne, A. F. Dexheimer, E. Irion, F. Schnathorst, C. Schaeffer. Congregations: St. Peters, Champaign, St. Philippus, Chicago; First English, Chicago; Salem, Eleroy; St. Peters, Grant Park.

6. *Election*—Pastors: A. W. Fruechte, E. Helm, A. Klug, H. W.



Brueckner, W. J. Cramer, H. Buchmueller. Congregations: Friedens, Bensenville; Immanuel, Peotone; St. John, Freeport; St. Peters, Frankfort; Tabor, Chicago.

### **Report of the District President**

Dear Co-workers in Christ:

Abide in me and I in you. As the branch can not bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine so neither can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me and I in him, the same beareth much fruit; for apart from me ye can do nothing. John 15, 4-5.

There are many and diversified forces active in these days of more leisure. The evil forces will try to claim as much of this time as possible. They will endeavor to create a general attitude, which is not conducive to Christian living, in the mind of the public. The church must rise to the occasion and meet this challenge with authority and the power of God. This authority is none other than Christ himself. If we as individuals yield to Him, if we will dare to abide in Him, He will abide in us, and we will bear much fruit, the very kind that is needed in this particular time. If the church fails in being the power she should be, fails in overcoming the adverse forces of these days, it will indicate that, to the degree she fails, she is not in Christ, for without Him she can do nothing, but fail. This is the criterion by which we may know where we stand. Our lack of greater progress is due to the fact that there are too many voices in our congregations not originating in Christ, too many personal interests and mundane purposes desiring to take His place. We can not build God's Kingdom in a carnally minded church. Unless we abide in Him, we can do nothing. Jesus demands undivided loyalty to Him and His church. Would that we, every one of us, would kneel at the throne of grace, pledge this loyalty and permit ourselves to be filled with the Holy Ghost. Then we shall be ready to meet the challenge that comes to us and our church in this age.

During the past year our church experienced the supreme joy of merging with the Reformed Church in the U. S. This was an epoch, not only in the history of our denomination, but of the Protestant churches of our entire country. Never before have two great church bodies united solely upon faith, leaving all other matters to be worked out in the course of the coming years. Other denominations have taken cognizance of our plans and actions with much interest, some hoping we may succeed and others with doubts and misgivings. The consummation of the merger of the two churches, which was an inspiring event, took place, as you know, June 26, (1934) at Cleveland, Ohio.

Friendly relationships and merging with other denominations is written in the very life of our church and is in accordance with the spirit of Christ, who prayed that they may all be one. May our



heavenly Father bless this union and set it to be a blessing. The contact and associations with the brethren of the Reformed Church will be a source of joy and inspiration to us. Presenting a united front, we shall be able to do more effective work in the Kingdom of God.

#### **Status of the District**

The status of the North Illinois District at the time of this 46th district conference is as follows: Churches affiliated with the Evangelical Synod .....118  
 Churches not affiliated but served by Evangelical pastors ..... 6  
 A total number of churches .....124  
 Pastors serving churches .....112  
 Professors at Elmhurst College ..... 10  
 Pastors retired from service ..... 19  
 Superintendents of institutions ..... 3  
 Pastors engaged in non-synodical work ..... 2  
 Commissioned workers ..... 6  
 Pastors temporary without a charge ..... 5  
 Total number of pastors .....157

#### **Applications for Membership**

Three pastors and one congregation have applied for membership in the Evangelical Synod of N. A. Their applications have been favorably acted upon by the Board of Directors of the Synod and the District Council and will be presented for action by the Board of Examiners at the proper time.

May we urge those congregations within the district, which are being served by our pastors and are receiving the blessings of our Christian fellowship and denominational help, to seriously consider membership in our Evangelical Synod.

#### **Changes in Pastorates**

##### **WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

Rev. A. B. Gaebe from St. Paul Evangelical to Zion Ev. Chicago.  
 Rev. J. E. Ellerbrake from St. John, Arlington Heights to Immanuel, Hannover Township, near Elgin, Ill.  
 Rev. T. S. Buchmueller from St. Paul, LaMoille to St. John, Kankakee.  
 Rev. Albert J. Koch from Zion to Zion Ev., Auburn Park.  
 Rev. A. F. Selmikeit from Friedens, Bellwood, to Salem, Lena, Ill.  
 Rev. G. W. Webbink from St. Peters, Green Garden to St. Paul, LaMoille.

##### **TRANSFERS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS**

Dr. F. Frankenfeld from the New York District.  
 Rev. Thomas Clare from the South Ill. District.  
 Rev. M. L. Straube from the Wisconsin District.  
 Rev. Wm. Rest from the Iowa District.  
 Rev. Elmer Dickbernd from the Missouri District.  
 Rev. Theo. Kettelhut from the Indiana District.  
 Rev. L. G. Weber from the Ohio District.



Rev. C. L. Grauer from the Ohio District.  
Rev. H. P. Bloesch from the Indiana District.  
Rev. Theodore Tiemeyer from Eden Seminary.  
Rev. F. C. Kuether from Eden Seminary.

#### TRANSFERS TO OTHER DISTRICTS

Rev. E. J. Moritz to the Indiana District.  
Rev. Theo. F. Gabler to the Michigan District.  
Rev. H. A. Dies to New York District.

#### Installations

Rev. Henry G. Kroehler, St. Paul Community Church, Homewood, Ill.,  
by Rev. E. H. Plassmann, May 6, 1934.  
Dr. Fredrick Frankenfeld, St. Peter Ev., Elmhurst, Ill., by Dr. Timothy  
Lehmann, June 17, 1934.  
Rev. Wm. Mueller, St. John, Minier by Rev. H. F. Mueller, June 24, 1934.  
Rev. Wm. Rest, St. Paul, Elgin, by Rev. T. S. Bierbaum, July 15, 1934.  
Rev. Theo. Tiemeyer, Immanuel, Papineau, by Rev. E. H. Plassmann,  
Sept. 16, 1934.  
Rev. J. H. Ellerbrake, Immanuel, Hanover Twp., by Rev. Geo. P. Eller-  
brake, Sept. 23, 1934.  
Rev. M. L. Straube, St. John, Arlington Heights, by Rev. P. N. Crusius,  
Oct. 14, 1934.  
Rev. A. B. Gaebe, Zion, Chicago, by Rev. Arno A. Zimmermann, Nov.  
4, 1934.  
Rev. L. G. Weber, St. Paul, Hinckley, by Rev. L. R. Poeschel, Nov. 18,  
1934.  
Rev. Albert J. Koch, Zion, Auburn Park, Chicago, by Rev. H. J. Schick,  
Dec. 2, 1934.  
Rev. Theo. S. Buchmueller, St. John, Kankakee, by Rev. P. Buch-  
mueller, Dec. 2, 1934.  
Rev. H. P. Bloesch, St. Paul, Monee, by Rev. E. H. Plassmann, Jan.  
20, 1935.  
Rev. Theo. M. Haefele, St. John, Mokena, by Rev. Theo. A. Haefele,  
Jan. 27, 1935.  
Rev. E. H. Dickbernd, Grace Ev., River Grove, by Rev. Joseph George,  
Feb. 17, 1935.  
Rev. E. H. Dickbernd, Our Redeemer, Chicago, by Rev. Joseph George,  
Feb. 24, 1935.  
Rev. A. F. Selmikeit, Salem, Lena, by Rev. E. H. Arends, May 26, 1935.  
Rev. G. W. Webbink, St. Paul, LaMoille, by Rev. E. Crusius, June 2, 1935.  
Rev. C. L. Grauer, Peace, Bellwood, by Rev. A. F. Selmikeit, June 2, 1935.

#### Dismissal

With the consent of the Board of Directors of the Evangelical  
Synod of N. A. Frank W. Huetter, formerly pastor of Salem Evangelical  
Church near Lena, Ill., was dismissed from membership of the Evan-  
gelical Synod by the council of the North Illinois District.



### **Ordinations**

Authorized by the president and the Board of Directors the following were duly ordained as ministers of the Gospel:

- Mr. Ernest F. Nolte, June 10, 1934, in St. Paul Ev. Church, Pekin, Ill., by the local pastor, assisted by Rev. Geo. W. Goebel and Prof. J. Biegeleisen.
- Mr. Wm. F. Mueller, June 17, 1934, in St. Peter Ev. Church, Champaign, by his father Rev. H. F. Mueller, assisted by Dr. S. D. Press and Arno A. Zimmermann.
- Mr. Reinhardt Schroedel, July 5, 1934, in Ebenezer Ev. Church near Pearl City, Ill., by his father Rev. Max Schroedel and assisted by Martin Schroedel and F. W. Huetter.
- Mr. Alfred Buchmueller, July 15, 1934, in St. Paul Ev Church, Minonk, Ill., by his father Rev. Paul Buchmueller and assisted by Rev. Theo. S. and Helmuth Buchmueller.

### **Anniversary Services**

A number of our pastors and churches observed anniversaries during the past year. The district rejoices with them, congratulates them and wishes them God's rich blessings. May they continue to carry on, march forward in the Master's name and always abide in Him.

### **In Memoriam**

The following pastors and pastors widows have been called from this life into eternity to be with their Saviour, whom they served faithfully and loyally:

- Rev. E. F. Pinckert, Wheaton, Ill., July 26, 1934, age 70 yrs.
- Rev. William Grotefeld, our City Missionary, Nov. 2, 1934, age 70 yrs.
- Dr. G. F. Schuetze, Peru, Ill., May 22, 1935, age 65 years.
- Mrs. Selma Hugo, Hammond, Ind., Oct. 21, 1934, age 77 years.
- Mrs. Minnie Fleer, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 28, 1935, age 71 years.

These faithful servants glorified the Christ in his church and now they may be with him to behold his glory in the Father's house. A special memorial service for these as well as for those who departed this life during the preceding year, whose names were mentioned in the report given at the district conference held at La Salle last year, was held Wednesday evening.

### **Regional Conferences**

Regional conferences, which proved to be a blessing to many churches, were held by all groups but one. Let us bear in mind that these conferences are obligatory, and the responsibility for them rests upon the program chairmen and the officers of the regions. A well planned conference will be a great inspiration to those who attend the same and will bring them much valuable information, which is sorely needed in many of our churches.

The program chairmen for the years 1935 and 1936 regional con-



ferences have been appointed by the district council and the dates for the conferences set as follows:

Arlington Heights, Rev. H. E. Koenig, chairman, Oct. 7 and 8.

Chicago, Rev. A. F. Dexheimer, chairman, Oct. 8 and 9.

Chicago Suburban, Rev. A. Klug, chairman, Oct. 9 and 10.

Monee, Rev. E. H. Plassmann, chairman, Oct. 10 and 11.

Freeport-La Salle, Rev. Ed. Arends, chairman, Oct. 14 and 15.

Bloomington, Rev. P. Buchmueller, chairman, Oct. 15 and 16.

These dates were so arranged that our Synodical representative may successively attend these conferences at the least possible expense to the respective regions, and the least possible time for the representative. We must bear in mind that Eden Seminary has been assigned by the Promotional Committee to the North Illinois District for promotional purposes during this year, 1935. The program chairmen will therefore secure the Synodical representative for the regional conferences from Eden Seminary, Dr. S. D. Press, President.

#### Miscellaneous

We have the honor of having with us Rev. L. W. Goebel, First Vice-President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, as the Synodical representative to this conference. He will address the conference in that official capacity this evening. We shall appreciate his council at the various conference sessions.

Due to the death of Dr. Schuetze, Rev. P. Repke has been appointed to serve in his place as district secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Association until a successor is elected by the District.

Due to an oversight the names of the commissioned workers were omitted from the published list, but have been added to the programs which are being distributed at this conference. The names of the pastors and congregations not yet members of the Synod are marked with a check on these programs.

May I call your attention to the fact that our Synodical constitution definitely states, Division 2, Article 3, Section 6, No. 9, that congregations in the filling of vacancies *must* avail themselves of the office of their district president, and avoid unseemly competition by considering each applicant separately and voting on his acceptance or rejection before considering another applicant. No comment on this paragraph is necessary.

A letter from the Pacific Northwest requests that the names of the members of our churches moving west be reported to the pastors of that vicinity in which they expect to reside. This will greatly help them in their work and, in many cases, retain our members for our church who otherwise may never come into contact with their own denomination. This rule should generally be observed. Whenever a member of our church leaves to reside in another vicinity, city or state, a letter of transfer should be sent to the pastor of that respective place. This greater loyalty may require the overcoming of a bit of selfishness, but it will help build the Kingdom of God. This is our primary duty.



### In Conclusion

I wish to thank the members of the district for the brotherly spirit and good cooperation accorded me during the past years. You, with one exception, have been very courteous to me and lenient with me in my weakness. The task has not been easy in these unusual times, and unusual problems have not been few, but I, in my own inferior way, knowing my limitations, tried to give you the best I had and hope I have given my district a just share of my time, that I, without pangs of conscience, may now request that both the honor and the burden of the presidency be placed on the shoulders and the heart of another man.

Very respectfully submitted,

*Arno A. Zimmermann,*

President of the North Illinois District.

### Report of the Auditing Committee

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the District Board of Religious Education and Young People's League and found them correct.

#### Board of Religious Education

Receipts for August, 1933, to June 18, 1935 .....	\$587.54
Disbursements .....	532.78
Balance .....	55.76

#### Young People's League

1933 Balance .....	\$18.83
Receipts .....	4.50
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	\$23.33
Disbursements .....	2.50
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Balance .....	\$20.83

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the District Treasurer, Mr. E. W. Schumacher, compared entries and vouchers of receipts and disbursements and find them to be correct according to the statement of the Treasurer as herewith presented.

#### Treasurer's Report, June, 1935

Balance last audit .....	\$ 230.51
Received during year:	
District Dues .....	\$1,733.82
For Meals at 1934 Conference .....	242.00
Surplus from traveling expense, 1934 .....	35.00
Half of Communion Offering at LaSalle .....	16.92
Mohri Fund .....	5.00
20% Dividend from Defunct Bank .....	39.03
Contingent Fund .....	410.65
Synodical Recovery .....	25.00
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	\$2,507.42
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	\$2,737.93



Expenditures:

District President and Council Expense .....	\$ 435.20
Student Work at Champaign .....	50.00
Rev. Kroehler—Religious Education .....	20.00
Eden Publishing House .....	46.00
Conference Programs and Ballots .....	24.50
Conference Expense at LaSalle .....	250.00
Rev. Paul Press—General Conference Expense....	950.00
Premium on Treasurer's Bond .....	5.63
Expense in Lapp Case .....	35.00
Postage for Treasury .....	6.37
Tax and Exchange on Checks .....	.86
	<hr/> \$1,823.56
Balance .....	\$ 914.37
Cash on hand .....	\$ 29.49
National Security Bank .....	728.75
Defunct Bank .....	156.13
	<hr/> \$ 914.37

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the statements of the Treasurer of the District Home Mission Board, F. C. Teuber, and have found them correct as to receipts and disbursements as to both the treasury of the District Home Mission Board and the Chicago City Mission treasury.

The Receipts for City Missions were .....	\$1,596.93
The Disbursements .....	1,543.75
Balance .....	<hr/> \$ 53.18

Receipts and Disbursements of the District Home Mission treasury are according to report herewith submitted:

**Treasurer's Report—Church Extension Work Fund—  
Home Mission Board**

Commencing January 11, 1934—Ending December 31, 1934

RECEIPTS, 1934

Jan. 11—Balance on hand .....	\$617.84
Jan. 15—Ladies' Auxiliary, Immanuel Ev., Louise M. Schick, Treas. ....	10.50
Feb. 16—Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Ev., Chicago, Agatha B. Herbert, Treas. ....	5.00
March 14—Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Ev. ....	5.00
April 21—Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Ev. ....	5.00
May 23—Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Ev. ....	5.00
June 23—Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Ev. ....	5.00



July 11—Central Board, Redeemer Services .....	20.80
July 20—Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Ev. ....	5.00
Aug. 4—Central Board, Our Redeemer Services .....	20.90
Sept. 11—Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Ev. ....	10.00
Oct. 10—Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Ev. ....	5.00
Nov. 11—Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Ev. ....	5.00
Dec. 4—Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Ev. ....	5.00

Total Receipts .....\$725.04

#### DISBURSEMENTS—1934

Jan. 31—Stanley E. Banks—4 Sundays' service, Jan., Our Redeemer Mission .....	\$ 20.00
March 2—Stanley E. Banks—4 Sundays' service, Feb....	20.00
April 2—Stanley E. Banks—4 Sundays' service, March...	20.00
April 5—Rev. B. Freese, Sec., Expense, postage, phone, etc.	5.00
May 1—Stanley E. Banks—4 Sundays' service, April ....	20.00
June 4—Hy. Barnett—4 Sundays' service, May .....	20.00
July 4—Hy. Barnett—4 Sundays' service, June .....	20.00
Aug. 2—Hy. Barnett—5 Sundays' service, July .....	25.00
Oct. 1—Glenn G. Gumm, Our Redeemer services .....	20.00
Oct. 15—Rev. E. Dickbernd, traveling expense to and from Berger, Mo., in behalf of River Grove and Our Redeemer Missions .....	16.00
Nov. 1—Glenn G. Gumm, service at Our Redeemer Missions, October, 1934 .....	20.00
Dec. 3—Glenn G. Gumm, service at Our Redeemer .....	20.00
Dec. 21—Stanley E. Banks, December services at River Grove .....	20.00
Dec. 21—Glenn G. Gumm, December services at Our Redeemer Mission .....	20.00

Total Disbursements .....\$266.00

Jan. 1, 1935—Balance on hand, Regular Fund .....\$459.04

#### Our Redeemer Evangelical Mission Trust Fund

##### RECEIPTS, 1934

March 16—Interest on past due bond issue, Mr. Kruse, Treas. ....	\$150.00
Dec. 13—Balance of bond issue from R. J. Nordhold .....	183.41

Total Receipts .....\$333.41



#### DISBURSEMENTS, 1934

Aug. 29—Jennie Simon, Interest, 8 notes, 6 months .....	\$ 40.00
Aug. 29—Abe Luxemburg, interest, 5 notes, 6 months ....	25.00
Sept. 21—Jennie Simon, Interest, 8 notes, period ending May 26, 1934 .....	40.00
Sept. 21—Abe Luxemburg, Interest, 5 notes, period ending May 26, 1934 .....	25.00
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>
Jan. 1, 1935—Balance on hand in Trust Fund .....	\$203.41
Jan. 1—Balance on hand in Regular Fund .....	459.04
<b>Total Cash on hand .....</b>	<b>\$662.45</b>

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank Teuber, Treasurer.*

The District resolves that these treasurers be relieved of all further obligations for the past year and that the gratitude of the North Illinois District be extended them.

*Julius Kircher, Chairman*

*Edwin A. Arends*

*Emmanuel Crusius*

*Emil Vonderohr*

#### Report of the District Mission Board

The annual report of your Board of Home Missions, we believe, will contain some very interesting facts. The year just closed has been a year of great problems, a year which caused your Board much concern and anxiety. Many problems in the individual fields had to be given much thought and earnest consideration. We are grateful to God for the wisdom and guidance which He granted us in solving the difficult problems. The Board met regularly each month and upon other special occasions when it was necessary to do so. The workers in the Mission Fields were called into personal conference with members of the Board, and official visits were made by the Board or its committees to fields for special study and conference. We feel that the Home Mission enterprise can be best understood and most intelligently and effectively studied if we present statistics from each individual field and give the Conference a bird's-eye view of the situation in these fields. Permit us then to present these statistics for the year 1934:

#### Community Church, Blue Island, Ill.

Rev. E. Helm, Pastor

Church membership 241, average attendance 95; church school 310, average attendance 165; Men's Club membership 30; Ladies' Aid membership 98; Young People's membership 63; confirmands 22; indebtedness \$5,032.60; amount contributed by Central Board \$1,020.00.



**Edison Park, Chicago, Ill.**

Rev. Glenn Gumm, Pastor

Church membership 173; church school 146; Brotherhood 47; Ladies' Aid, 46; Young People's 54; confirmands 6; money raised by church, local \$4,293.82, benevolence \$285; indebtedness \$23,500; amount contributed by Central Board \$1,170.00.

**St. James, Chicago, Ill.**

Rev. Louis Landgrebe, Pastor

Church membership 137; church school 255; Brotherhood 0; Young Peoples' 25; Ladies' Aid 50; confirmands 9; money raised by church, local \$2,796.32, benevolences \$115.00; indebtedness \$25,000; amount contributed by Central Board \$1,470.00.

This church has recently federated with the North Shore Presbyterian Church, both congregations worshipping in one service held in the St. James Building. This federation was sanctioned by the officers of the Synod and the Central Mission Board and was approved by the local District Board, and the District Council.

**Grace Evangelical Church, River Grove, Ill.**

Rev. E. H. Dickbernd, Pastor

Church membership 208; church school 171; Brotherhood 0; Ladies' Aid 17; Young People's 53; confirmands 5; money raised by church, local \$1,650.26, benevolences \$19.80; indebtedness \$12,754; amount contributed by Central Board \$1,410.00.

**Our Redeemer Church, Chicago, Ill.**

Rev. E. H. Dickbernd, Pastor

Full reports for the entire year are lacking in our files, but a statement for the quarter, January to April 1, 1935, shows the following: church membership 152; church school membership 140; amount contributed by Central Board \$480.00.

The greatest problem in this field was the financial one, the church having an indebtedness of approximately \$15,000. A refinancing set up was made and after working on it for about 18 months, the Board was able to refinance the \$12,000 bond issue, with the result that the present indebtedness amounts to \$8,000, divided as follows: Church Extension Fund \$4,000 on first mortgage, and Church Extension Alliance of Chicago \$4,000 on notes. This field is being served by the same pastor as the River Grove Church. The pastor dividing his time between the two churches. He is furnished with an expense account of \$240 for transportation and is also furnished a student for church school work. This is not an ideal arrangement and the Board hopes it will not be permanent, but it is done in the spirit of economy in response to the request of the Central Board.

**First Evangelical Church, Gary, Ind.**

Rev. A. Stoerker, Pastor

Church membership 53; church school 84; Brotherhood 0; Ladies' Aid 24; Young People's 9; confirmands 0; money raised, local budget \$596.35, benevolences \$39.78; indebtedness \$7,700.



Amount contributed by Central Board for Gary and Crown Point, \$1,300. The District Board together with the Executive Secretary visited this field and had a lengthy conference with the leaders in the work there. This is one of the most difficult fields under the supervision of our District Board. There is very little hope of any appreciative development in the near future. Plans for a merger with the Reformed Church in Gary did not seem to be practical. The pastor who serves Crown Point church also was instructed to put more effort into the development of the Crown Point Church, because of the desire of the Board that this church should be made self-supporting again as soon as possible.

**St. John's Church, Crown Point, Ind.**

Rev. A. Stoerker, Pastor

Church membership 143; church school 85; Brotherhood 0; Ladies' Aid 20; Young People's (being reorganized); confirmands 10; money raised, local budget \$1,661.01, benevolences \$72.72; indebtedness \$5,174.

**Peace Evangelical Church, Harvey, Ill.**

Rev. George Ellerbrake, Pastor

Church membership 231; church school 149; Brotherhood 0; Ladies' Aid 48; Young People's 31; confirmands 10; money raised, local budget \$2,597.58, benevolences \$269.26; indebtedness \$12,030; amount contributed by the Central Board \$915.00.

**Bethel Evangelical Church, Rockford, Ill.**

Rev. Norman C. Zulauf, Pastor

Church membership 85; church school 167; Brotherhood 8; Ladies' Aid 26; Young People's 12; confirmands 6; money raised, local budget \$968.20, benevolences \$85.05; indebtedness \$9,787; amount contributed by Central Board \$1460.00.

Your District Board wishes to congratulate its workers upon the fine type of service rendered these mission churches. We recognize that the greatest hindrance to the development of the mission churches is the large burden of indebtedness that is resting upon these churches. If some means could be found to help these struggling churches in solving their financial problems, we feel the work would progress more rapidly and the responsibility of the Central Board could be greatly lessened. Your District Board makes an official request of the District for an appropriation of \$500 for the ensuing biennium. It is necessary for us to have such funds at our disposal because of the obligations that we must meet for church school assistants, travelling and moving expenses of new workers coming to their fields of labor, administration expenses (especially in matters of refinancing bond issues, etc.). Such funds were formerly raised by direct appeals to the churches of the District, but in the past year a very small amount has been designated for this work.

Upon the request of the District Council, Mr. Frank C. Teuber, our Treasurer, served as Custodian of Funds for the City Mission Work,



and disbursed such funds to the City Missionary at the direction of the Special Committee appointed at the last District Conference for the raising of these funds.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph A. George, Chairman*

*G. Horst*

*Frank Teuber*

*Hy. G. Koester*

*B. F. Freese, Sec.*

### **Report of the Committee on City Missions**

St. Matthew 25: 40. And the King shall answer unto them: Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto *me*.

Your committee in reporting can say, with a clear conscience, it has tried hard to do the work entrusted to it by the North Illinois District Conference of 1933. By personal contact at regional and Federation conferences, by speaking to such congregations, that gave it a chance to present the work of City Missions, by circularizing the churches of the District, by personal correspondence, it has striven to awaken a consciousness of the necessity and worth-whileness of this branch of our church work. It does not hesitate to reaffirm, that we hold it to be the most precious of all the different tasks the blessed Saviour has entrusted to his followers and nearest to His heart.

Your committee would emphasize that it is convinced that a greater interest has been awakened, especially in the hearts and minds of the women and women's organizations, regarding City Missions than there was before it began its activity. The proof thereof is found in the direct contributions amounting to \$1,440.26 which never would have been raised and of which at least 90% would not have gone into any district or synodical treasury if the work had not been carried on as it was. Under the able and arduous labor and leadership of our late City Missionary, the Rev. Wm. Grotefeld, who actually sacrificed himself in ministering to his large congregation of unfortunates, numbering at least 450 persons, among whom were many former members of our Evangelical churches in good standing, the work was signally blessed. By the faithful cooperation of the faithful women workers of our churches the City Mission was becoming more and more serviceable and fruitful to our churches. For is not the opportunity given them, to be helpful in such ministration a blessing we need, especially in these dark days of depression, not only in financial matters. Your committee therefore deplores the fact that our good missionary was taken from us, God calling him to his rest, but we say: God knows best.

Your committee is, however, convinced that this branch of our work can not be successfully carried on, by being left to a committee. It should and must be made a coordinated part of the regular work of our District Missions, if it is to be a success.



In spite of the fact that \$1,440.26 was raised for this purpose in the past 20 months this was not enough to take care of the missionary's salary of only \$2,000.00 a year (he paying all his expenses) plus a few incidental expenses. We were always way behind in paying his salary and today we owe 5 months' salary or \$833.33 to his widow, Mrs. Amalie Grotefeld. According to the report of our Mission Treasurer, Mr. Frank C. Feuber, there is only \$53.18 in the treasury. We regard this debt to Mrs. Grotefeld as a debt of honor that should be liquidated as soon as possible. Your committee would therefore make the following recommendations:

1. The North Illinois District regards the unpaid balance of debt owing to Mrs. Amalie Grotefeld as a debt of honor and resolves to pay it as soon as possible through the District Treasurer. (We recommend monthly payments.)

2. As to the future of the City Mission work, the North Illinois District resolves to find ways and means to continue it in some way, if perhaps for a while, by a part time worker, endeavoring to bring into the work the 75 congregations still only looking on, and especially try to win the Federations of our Women's Union to make it a special part of their work. (Bensenville Home has its Men's and Women's Auxiliary, why not give our Women's Union a special District task also.) St. Louis with its budget of almost \$18,000.00 a year has a special organization of interested people, why not Chicago and North Illinois.

In concluding your committee would try and correct some very erroneous ideas that are abroad that this work is only of interest to Chicago churches. The record of our missionary prove that people from throughout the State of Illinois, yes the whole United States are found among his clients, whom he has ministered to and in some cases saved them and restored them to their homes and loved ones. Also the erroneous idea that they are taken care of in our public institutions by chaplains of other churches. This is done in a very haphazard way, and do we want to leave our own unfortunates to the mercy of others. What will our Lord say, "Inasmuch as ye have not done it—ye have not done it unto Me. Go."

The Committee would also correct the wrong idea that the city pastors should take care of it. That is impossible. In at least three-fourths of the cases they do not find them out and the hospital administration looks to some one especially designated to represent out churches. We would quote the superintendent of our great Cook County Hospital, Mr. Michael Zimmer, for many years a very efficient official and an Evangelical man, in what he said addressing a group of our ladies led by our missionary. He said: "We are trying to help furnish the help for the body of our patients. We can do this with greater success if the others furnish the spiritual uplift."

In closing our committee would thank all the pastors and people of our churches, who have given it and the work wholehearted support. May God's blessing rest richly upon them.



Resigning its charge, it places it into the hands of the District for further action.

Sincerely, your Committee,

*Julius Kircher, Chairman*

*Alfred E. Meyer, Secretary*

### **Report of North Illinois District Federation of Evangelical Women's Unions**

To the pastors and delegates at the 46th North Illinois  
District Conference:

It is gratifying to know that the Evangelical Women's Union shows wholesome growth and progress according to the annual report covering the year 1934 by the board of directors. North Illinois Women's Union has had a definite share in helping toward this growth and progress. We however are challenged to strive for greater achievements for our compiled report from our six federations shows that much work must be accomplished. With constant prayer for God's blessing, with your help, dear pastors, as advisors and big brothers, with leadership in our federations and with a determination on the part of all in responsible places to strive in earnest for the spirit of our whole program, we can hopefully look forward to progress.

#### **Officers' Conferences**

These conferences were held for the purpose of training officers in the local societies. The assistant executive secretary, Mrs. Elsa Reichenbach, conducted these schools of methods consecutively in the Monee, Chicago-Suburban and Arlington Heights federations last February. The local women welcome this opportunity to become informed and instructed on their duties and thereby become more efficient in leading their monthly meetings. They are led into the spirit of the lofty program of our Women's Union by being given special helps on the department work. It is not meant to make the local union a mechanical machine, but the purpose of our conference for officers is that they might be more equipped to lead their women so that they too, may realize that we are God's partners in building His Kingdom. Information and instruction is a dire need, and I hope that by some ways and means all our federations will provide for these essentials—information and instruction.

#### **Women's Union Work Bulletin**

This is a new venture of our district board and is sent out for the purpose of promotion, twice a year to all local societies in our district and to federation and district leaders. The necessary information and suggestions received quarterly from the board of directors in a similar bulletin is carried over the the local federation information. It is sent merely in the spirit of mutual helpfulness.

#### **The Special Project for 1935**

This project will again be financial support for Bensenville Home, through the little savings banks. We hope that 1935 will show as favor-



able returns as was the case in 1934. There were 49 societies in the district that co-operated in this project with total receipts acquired through the four ingatherings amounting to \$1,624.83. Owing to the fact that other ways and means are used by organizations and by congregations, this report represents only a part of the district Women's Union.

#### **Group Meeting**

Many women live scattered far from the center of their local federation. The purpose of these group meetings is to contact these women and bring to them our lofty women's union work program. In March a group meeting was held for such a group of women at Harmony, Ill., with three societies in attendance. We found enthusiasm and a desire was expressed to repeat this meeting. It is pleasing to note that gradually societies can be challenged to overcome localized interests and self-centered activities.

#### **The Area Officers' Conference**

for federation and district leaders will convene in our midst July 23 to 25. North Illinois will be host, assisted by our Elmhurst friends to our sisters coming from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan and part of Indiana. Our district will be well represented.

#### **The Annual District Convention**

of the North Illinois Women's Union will be held at Freeport, St. John's Church, Rev. Ahrends, pastor, on September 25 and 26. A well planned informative and also inspirational program will be presented. Three outstanding women leaders will be our guest speakers. As the presence of our pastors always makes our meetings more significant, we hope to see many of you at our convention. You are heartily and cordially invited.

#### **United Efforts**

We are united for larger service and this requires united efforts. I would like to impress upon you the importance of united efforts upon the part of all societies and all pastors. A congregation with a live women's union working harmoniously with its pastor, cannot help but see the good influence spread into the congregational life by their Christian activity in the work plan of building a world as our father would have it. We have never lost sight that our pastors are our leaders and you naturally consider yourselves as such. We want to be your assistants in your work and our work should undergird your work and you enjoy fruits of your labors in the ministry.

#### **Women's Union Resolutions**

I kindly ask that you approve of these resolutions as they are sanctioned by the district board so that we, the women of North Illinois, may help you in your local churches and that we may have a share in the responsibility, and that we may cultivate faithfulness as good stewards of the Lord.



### Appreciation

Unto the many pastors and their wives I express sincere gratitude for giving so generously of their time and talents so that our work might be more effectively promoted. May you all continue to give interest and support to this work. Unto God our Father to whom we all look for guidance, we give praise and gratitude for all His blessings.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. J. C.) Bertha Voeks,

President North Illinois District Women's Union.

### Report of the District Board for Pension and Relief

Your Board for Pension and Relief considered conscientiously either in joint session or through the circulating method all applications submitted. Their recommendations to the Central Board were approved with but few exceptions.

During the fiscal year of 1933 the sum of \$16,932.77 was paid to 68 pensioners, 29 pastors and 39 widows. Nineteen pastors and twenty-nine widows received pension only and ten pastors and ten widows additional relief. The highest award was \$519.96 and the lowest \$148.00. The total relief for 1933 amounted to \$2,245.45.

During the fiscal year of 1934 the sum of \$16,079.45 was paid to 67 pensioners, 24 pastors and 43 widows. Fifteen pastors and thirty-three widows received pension only, and nine pastors and ten widows and orphans received additional relief. The highest award was \$529.96 and the lowest \$164.00. The total relief in 1934 was \$2,021.95.

During the interim of two years the brethren: Benno Ott, Th. M. Haefele, E. Helm, W. C. Zulauf, Glen Gumm, Theo. Tiemeyer, W. A. Mueller, and Irvin Kracke applied for membership and upon recommendation to the Central Board were received as members.

The following pensioners were called to their eternal reward: Rev. C. F. Baumann, Rev. J. Holdgraf, Rev. E. F. Klingeberger, Rev. Gustav Koch, Rev. E. E. Klimpke, Rev. E. F. Pinckert; the widows: Louise Siegfried, Lillian Schmidt, and Selma Hugo.

The list was increased by the applicants: Louise Dexheimer, Augusta Klingeberger, Emma Koch, Pauline Pister, Julia Pinckert, Katherine Baumann, Amalia Grotefeld and the pastors: Geo. Deckinger, Theo. Kettelhut, Theo. Bierbaum, Wm. Meyer, H. Maier, Alfred Menzel and Dr. G. F. Schuetze.

Three pensioners were eliminated by the new ruling of the General Conference and three were transferred to another district.

Dr. D. Irion assigned part of his pension each quarter to worthy persons and brother Max Schroedel designated part of his pension to the treasury for which we are very grateful.

Chairman Silas P. Bittner of the Central Board informs us that pensions for 1935 will be paid on the basis of 1934 but that relief was to be out wherever possible, due to the fact that the pension budget was reduced by \$9,000.00.



We urge all pastors of our District, who are not members of the Pension Fund, to consider seriously the matter of joining, not only from a moral, but also from a Christian standpoint and act accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

*B. H. Leesmann*

*Geo. W. Goebel*

*Otto M. Ziebell*

### **Report of the Evangelical Young People's Activities**

The young people of the different regions of our North Illinois District are developing a growing sense of their responsibilities and possibilities.

A large percentage of the 189 delegates and visitors from 44 different churches who attended the Young People's and Church School Workers' Convention at Bensenville last summer were young people, keenly interested in developing their personalities to cope with their peculiar problems in an age such as ours. Some fifty young people joined the discussion of the sectional conference last year. A greater interest and a growing response is visible in this year's convention to be held at Bensenville again from June 29 to July 2.

If the 1500 young people who are confirmed each year would be added to the organized young people's activities and started out on young people's projects we would be assured in keeping many more of them as latent adult Christians. Only a few of the Regional Young People's Federations were heard from and can be accounted for.

The Chicago Federation of Young People have three meetings each year with attendances ranging from 650 to 200 young people. Some 50 young people's leagues belong to the Federation. During the past year some 15 leagues united in athletic contests including basketball and baseball. The Federation cooperated with the young people of other denominations in an Easter sunrise service. They also sponsored city-wide discussion within the Leagues on subjects of interest.

The Young People's Federation of the West Suburban Region conducted a very successful meeting at St. John's Church, Melrose Park, on April 22. The Federations of the Monee Region are also very active as are also the young people of the Bloomington Region. Definite reports of these were not received. Many successful meetings of an educational and inspirational nature were conducted by the officers of the various Federations.

Reports of individual leagues are not being given.

Most of the work of the Board of Christian Education was conducted through its convention and through the Regional Conferences. Federation officers have succeeded in conducting young people's group meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

*Glenn G. Gumm,*

Member of the Board of Christian Education.



## **Report of the Board of Religious Education**

Mr. Moderator and worthy members of the Conference:

It is with profound delight that I submit this brief report as the vice-chairman of the Board of Christian Education of the North Illinois District. It has been my unalloyed pleasure to work with one of the finest Boards of the North Illinois District during these last two years. Perhaps you will recall that this board to which I refer had entirely disappeared until the present Board resurrected the same. It meant that we were compelled to re-establish our contacts and create new enthusiasm for this particular kind of necessary work in our district.

1. Our purpose is to promote the work of Christian Education in our local churches and to encourage the work of the young people in general. In this position we function as an instrument of the churches in the district and as a subsidiary of the synodical Board of Christian Education.

2. We have no special authority as a Board but are guided by our superior synodical board. Our work is experimental to a certain degree. We expect however the hearty cooperation of our regional conferences, our district Sunday schools and Young People's federations. If the pastors and various leaders in our churches fail to avail themselves of the literature we send out to them our purpose is defeated.

3. The "Trumpet" which, until last year, was our publication that stimulated the interest of our young people in Christian Education was discontinued because our people failed to read it, which we believe was not the fault of our Board of Christian Education, but rather a lack of interest on the part of our constituency. We, however, substituted an annual Church School and Young People's Convention which convened at Bensenville from June 30 to July 2 for a similar convention. Our convention theme will be "Gearing Christian Education to Life." We have secured a splendid array of speakers and the convention promises to be bigger and better than last year.

4. We believe that the program of Christian Education as outlined by our beloved Synod is more urgently necessary today than ever before. The active membership of Protestant churches is still on the decline while we face one of the most difficult periods in the history of mankind. Only a systematic program conscientiously carried out along the lines of Christian education in our local churches will be able to build a vital faith in this present generation.

5. If you as members of the North Illinois District are actually concerned about the youth in your respective churches, I wish to call your attention to the excellent articles that appeared in the Evangelical Tiding in the issue of June 2. You will find there that youth, whether you agree or not, is building a new world, which will make for a new nation, a new community, a new church and a new home.

6. We find ourselves confronted with a task which lays upon us the utmost demand for thought and decision and action. May we as a united church be willing to do our utmost for the youth of our



churches in order that they may solidly build the walls of the Christian character, so that they may be properly equipped to face the problems of today in the spirit of Christ Jesus, our Lord. The same great divine resources are at our disposal that have upheld us thus far, but we must avail ourselves of this dynamic force which comes to us by being in tune with the Infinite.

7. Lastly we wish to call your kind attention to the Elmhurst Leadership Training Course, July 1-12. Try and send at least one or two young people to this splendid school.

Kindly have your local Young People's League send in their national dues in order to relieve the financial situations of our national headquarters which is really precarious.

Any additional information anyone wishes along the lines I mentioned will be gladly given by any member of our Board.

Respectfully submitted,

*Edwin A. Arends*, Vice-Chairman,

Board of Christian Education of the North Illinois District.

### **Resolutions**

#### **Resolutions on Report of President of Evangelical Synod of N. A.**

1. We heartily endorse what has been done to bring about the merger between the Evangelical Synod and the Reformed Church and trust that both will coalesce more and more into a living organism.

2. We extend to all the officers of our Evangelical and Reformed Church sincerest congratulations upon the great things they have accomplished with God's help.

3. We hope and pray that there will be a deepening of the spiritual life of our congregations as is distinctly observable in our missionary work.

4. We urge that our congregations combat the increasing tendency toward worldly practices, such as resorting to games of chance and the sale of intoxicants at bazaars and church fairs.

#### **District President's Report**

We urge that such congregations within the district as are being served by our pastors and are receiving the blessings of our Christian fellowship and denominational help seriously consider membership in our Evangelical Synod.

#### **Elmhurst College**

1. The North Illinois District congratulates the administration and faculty of Elmhurst College on the fact that the college has become fully accredited, and takes this occasion to pledge anew to Elmhurst College the special interest and support of the North Illinois District.

2. The District is pleased with the evidence of steady growth in the attendance at Elmhurst College, and of the reputation which the college enjoys in the western suburbs of Chicago. The District notes with regret, however, a decline in the registration of students from



Evangelical homes in this district and other districts. The district affirms its conviction that it is now no less than ever the duty of the Christian church to maintain colleges where a definitely Christian attitudes and spirit prevails, and urges pastors and churches to co-operate with the administration of Elmhurst College not only in furnishing financial support, but in bringing to the attention of prospective college students the Christian character of their own college.

3. The North Illinois District congratulates Professor Carl Bauer on the completion of forty-five years of service at Elmhurst College, and wishes him God's continued blessing in the years to come.

#### **Eden Seminary**

1. The North Illinois District appreciates Eden's strategic position in the middle west and therefore commends the seminary for its efforts in interesting men of different denominations. It is pleased with the results thus far attained and hopes for a larger fellowship which will also widen the horizon and broaden the thinking of the students of our own church.

2. The district is glad that the merger with Central Seminary has taken place and trusts that the amalgamation of the students and of the faculties will be such that finer character, broader scholarship and greater unity may result.

3. The district looks with favor upon the efforts made in behalf of convocations, special lectures and of contacts with leaders outside our own communion for additional inspiration and wider outlook.

4. We share the belief of the President of Eden that the curriculum must meet the growing demands of the times and we appreciate the efforts of the faculty in rethinking their work and in striving toward a "Functional" curriculum.

5. We approve the extension of field work beyond practice preaching to include as much of the work of the ministry as possible in order that the student might get a comprehensive view of the task that awaits him and at the same time gain a certain balance.

6. The district suggests to those who have the responsibility of placing graduates and to those who have the supervision of struggling mission churches to give study to a plan whereby dependent churches might be merged for the sake of greater efficiency and that the men thus deprived of a position be given the charges ordinarily given to members of the graduating class—and that members of graduating classes be placed in older churches needing additional help, where they will receive additional practical training, comparable to an internship of a doctor.

#### **The Elmhurst-Eden Advance**

1. The North Illinois District desires to express its appreciation to all who have contributed toward the measure of success which the Elmhurst-Eden Advance has achieved, encourages the president of Elmhurst College and the officers of the Elmhurst-Eden Advance to continue



in their efforts, and urges all pastors and members to co-operate with them to the fullest extent until the goal has been reached.

2. The District expects that the funds contributed to the Elmhurst-Eden Advance shall be kept inviolate for the purposes for which they were given.

#### **Home Missions**

1. The North Illinois District expresses itself as in full accord with the interpretation of the task of Home Missions in the light of modern needs and changed conditions as this is stated in the report of the Board for Home Missions on page 49 of the report to the districts. It calls upon its pastors to help their churches to understand the implications of this fundamental task and to cooperate with existing agencies.

2. The North Illinois District calls upon its pastors and churches to give serious consideration to the suggestions for Schools of Missions in the local church, and to the other plans for missionary education recommended by the Council for Missionary Education. It urges liberal use of the various missionary publications of both the Evangelical and the Reformed Boards.

3. The North Illinois District encourages further cooperation with interdenominational and other denominational groups working at home mission tasks and encourages efforts toward the establishment of community churches.

4. The North Illinois District appreciates the unselfish spirit of its District President, the Rev. Arno A. Zimmermann, and his St. Paul's Church of Pekin, Ill., in establishing the Creve Coeur Church without any synodical support and rejoices in the success of the venture.

#### **Foreign Missions**

1. The members of the North Illinois District rejoice that in the person of the former Associate Secretary, the Rev. F. A. Goetsch, the Board of Foreign Missions, has found a capable and worthy successor to Dr. Menzel. We assure brother Goetsch of our wholehearted support as he carries on the work in his enlarged field of labor.

2. The District approves of the steps taken by the Board of Foreign Missions looking forward to a final merger of the activities of the two Boards of Foreign Missions at present functioning in the Evangelical and Reformed Church and encourages its own Board of Foreign Missions to continue its work in this direction.

3. The District rejoices in the numerical growth of the India Mission District and in the progress made in the home mission field of the Indian Church in Phingeshwar. It implores the blessing of God upon this promising work and its future developments.

4. The District rejoices also in the fact that a new missionary in the person of the Rev. Harold G. Freund, M.D., could be added to our missionary forces in India. It regrets deeply the illness of Miss Lydia Kies and Mrs. Helen Suger and asks for them God's grace and help for their complete recovery if this be His will.



5. The District further takes grateful knowledge of the fact that during the anniversary year of 1934 two new mission stations could be established in the interior of Honduras at Yoro and Pinalejo respectively. Realizing that in pioneer work such as is involved in the establishment of new stations many hardships must be encountered and great patience exercised, the District wishes the Andreses and Herrschers special grace in meeting their many problems.

6. The North Illinois District is glad to note that increasingly adequate provisions for the training of native workers are being made on our mission fields. The District recognizes this as a fundamental factor involved in the future progress of Christian work in missions.

7. The District notes with concern the reduction in missionary personnel during the past four or five years leading to a loss of nine missionaries due to illness or other unavoidable causes, and agrees with the Board of Foreign Missions that these losses should be replenished by sending forth of replacement missionaries as soon as possible.

#### **Report of Synodical Treasurer**

1. While it pleases us to hear that 152 of our congregations contributed their full quota to the synodical budget last year and that 662 churches increased their contributions somewhat, we nevertheless deeply deplore the fact, that 382 churches paid less than 25% of their respective quotas or nothing whatsoever and that 450 congregations decreased their support by a total of \$35,000 which facts caused our synodical deficit to increase in the amount of almost \$71,000.

2. Realizing that it may have been difficult for some of our churches to carry out the Synodical Recovery Plan, because of the prevailing depression, we nevertheless are of the opinion that this campaign, inaugurated by our Board of Directors and endorsed by the last General Conference, should have been conducted by more of our congregations and with much better results. We commend those congregations and pastors who responded and urge the others, especially such churches that failed to raise their quota in full for the Synodical *budget*, to make this drive real soon.

3. The North Illinois District commends those individuals among our Evangelical constituency, who so trustingly placed their private funds into the hands of our Synod either by loans amounting to \$126,000 or in the form of annuities totaling \$26,000. It was this considerate help that enabled the Synod to pay its various boards the monies they needed for the continuance of our synodical work and the interest on our bond issues.

#### **Board for Endowment and Trust Funds**

1. We are grateful to God, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, that, though we, like other church bodies, suffered financial reverses, we so far have sustained no serious losses in our Endowment and Trust Funds and that the sum total of our synodical funds have even increased during the past year.



### **Pension Board**

1. The North Illinois District learns with gratification that the Pension Funds are safe. The actual status of the fund is as follows:

Pension Fund total .....	\$886,708.21
Less share of actual losses .....	2,296.67

Balance .....	\$883,411.54
Mortgages in force .....	\$706,500.00
Under foreclosure .....	74,800.00
Property deeded to us .....	102,111.00
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	\$883,411.00

2. The District urges that all pledges made during the pension campaign by churches and individuals be paid as soon as possible.

3. The District recommends to all its members the buying of years of service prior to 1910 as a means of increasing their pension.

4. The North Illinois District thanks Mrs. M. Mack for turning over her entire, and Dr. Irion for turning over part of his pension for the past year to the Relief Fund; likewise do we thank all organizations for contributions they have made to this fund.

5. The North Illinois District is grateful to Mrs. Emma Leonhardt for her contribution toward the new cottage in Bensenville and sees in it a practical example for others to follow:

### **Federation of Evangelical Charities**

1. The North Illinois District is pleased to hear that at present 24 of our Evangelical charitable institutions are affiliated with the Federation of Evangelical Charities and thanks the Lord, who enabled them to give helpful service and tender care to almost 20,000 sick and unfortunate persons.

2. Since the benevolent gifts received by the hospitals of the federation are so meager, that not one free patient a day for each institution can be cared for, we urge that our congregations, church organizations and individual members remember our hospitals with gifts more readily and frequently, so that these deserve help.

### **Bensenville Home and Evangelical Hospital, Chicago**

1. The North Illinois District congratulates the Bensenville Home for Children and Aged upon the 40th anniversary of its work of mercy and the Evangelical Hospital upon the silver anniversary of its healing ministry; we pray that God may continue to bless the work of these, our benevolent institutions.

### **Synodical Board of Religious Education**

1. The North Illinois District affirms with the Board of Education the end of Christian Education "as 'an inward leaven-like process'; its changes have to do not with features or dress, but with understandings and attitudes, with ideals, with convictions, and with relationships to God and to society."



2. The North Illinois District calls to the attention of the District that significant progress was made in the following phases of the work of the Board: an increased attendance at the leadership training schools; they note that confirmation is regaining favor; an increase in enrollment in the vacation church schools; the acquisition of the famous Bailey Religious Art collections of stereopticon slides; a wider use of the service library; and that missionary education materials are being made more available in religious education.

#### **Dunkirk Board**

The North Illinois District rejoices that a wide interest is being manifested by the eastern districts in availing themselves of the splendid Dunkirk Conference Grounds.

#### **District Board of Christian Education**

1. Whereas the Synodical Board of Religious Education emphatically urges the organization of home departments in as many of the churches as may be feasible for the year 1935:

Be it resolved, that we, the pastors and delegates of the North Illinois District, lend our whole-hearted support to the attainment of this objective and recommend the appointment of a home department superintendent in each church.

2. Whereas only a few churches in this district conduct daily vacation church schools, and whereas such schools present an unusual opportunity for the Christian training of children:

Be it resolved, that the North Illinois District Conference urge its pastors and congregations to study this project seriously, present it to the respective church school staffs, and make every reasonable attempt to utilize this opportunity for Christian instruction.

3. Whereas a large number of churches in the North Illinois District still lack trained leadership:

Be it resolved, that this Conference stress the necessity of such training and encourage the organization of leadership training classes wherever such have not yet been established.

4. Whereas one of the largest Evangelical Leadership Training Schools is held annually in this district and thereby presents an unusual opportunity to the churches of our district to develop a trained leadership:

Be it resolved, that the North Illinois District Conference call this fact to the attention of its congregations and prevail upon them to send more workers to this school.

5. Whereas a national youth convention has not been held since 1932, and whereas it is a most logical and critical time for such a national convention because the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church has not yet brought the youth of these two groups together, and other opportunities for youth are looming upon the horizon:

Be it resolved, that the North Illinois District Conference recommend to the Evangelical League officers that a National Youth Conven-



tion be held in conjunction with the young people of the Reformed group in 1936.

#### **City Missions**

1. The North Illinois District regards the unpaid balance of debt owing to Mrs. Amalie Grotefeld as a debt of honor and resolves to pay it as soon as possible through the District Treasurer.

2. The North Illinois District directs its officers to solicit funds from its congregations to enable its treasury to pay the sum of money due Mrs. Amalie Grotefeld.

3. We emphasize in particular the fine, unselfish, truly Christian sacrificial service rendered by Mrs. Wm. C. Lange. She has given much of her time and means to support the committee work, also much personal ministration in aiding our missionary in his efforts to comfort the unfortunates that we are convinced the District owes her a very special vote of thanks; we urge its members to emulate her beautiful example.

#### **Board of Publications**

The North Illinois District heartily endorses the plan of the Board of Publications to effect a merger of these denominational weeklies: The Reformed Church Messenger, The Christian World, and the Evangelical Herald.

#### **Christianity and Social Problems**

1. The North Illinois District commends the efforts of the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems to arouse the church to a realization of the need for action in bringing about a better social order.

2. The North Illinois District heartily approves the establishment of a Board of Christian Life of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the functions of which are stated on page 154 of the annual reports for 1935.

#### **Church Extension**

1. Realizing the financial handicap of the Church Extension Board, the North Illinois District greatly appreciates the endeavors of this Board to render aid to needy churches.

2. The North Illinois District agrees with the Board that Mission Churches must be favored, but also commends the board in aiding other churches which might otherwise be lost.

3. In spite of the fact that this board is closely related to the Home Mission Board, the North Illinois District feels that there should be two separate boards.

#### **Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance**

1. Inasmuch as the past year has again proved its reliability and soundness, the North Illinois District urges the congregations to consider the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association when in need of this kind of protection.

2. The North Illinois District ratifies the appointment of Rev. P. Repke as District Inspector.



#### **Evangelical Brotherhood**

1. The District favors the organization of the men of the local congregations for more effective service and suggests if possible their affiliation with the respective brotherhood federations.

#### **Evangelical Women's Union**

1. The North Illinois District urges all its pastors and delegates to stress in their local churches the helpful and effective work of the Evangelical Women's Union so that all local societies may become active members of this splendid organization.

2. The North Illinois District kindly requests the pastors of our district to give to the women of their respective congregations monthly or at least quarterly the status of the synodical quota of their local church to date with suggestions as to ways and means by which they can help to raise the full amount of their share of this their larger Kingdom service.

#### **Resolutions of Respect and Appreciation**

1. The North Illinois District pays a tribute of love and appreciation to the memory of the late Dr. Paul A. Menzel, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, believing that to him more than to any other one man is due the interest that the entire church has in its foreign missionary enterprise.

2. The North Illinois District deplores the death of our esteemed and faithful Rev. Wm. Grotefeld, who for many years served as a member and as chairman of the Board for Endowments and Trust Funds. We recognize and deeply appreciate the estimable services he rendered our Synod, especially during the critical period of the economic depression.

3. The North Illinois District congratulates Mr. John Michel and Mr. W. Wiegmann on the completion of 40 years of service rendered the church as Commissioned Workers.

4. The North Illinois District recognizes and acknowledges the faithful services rendered by members of synodical and district boards, also by numerous individual workers mentioned in practically every report; to all such the District extends a heartfelt vote of thanks.

5. The District thanks Dr. Lehmann and his staff, St. Peter's Church and its pastor, Rev. Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld, for their hospitality in entertaining the conference.

6. The North Illinois District expresses most sincere appreciation for the work done by the Conference Resolutions Committee, which it performed in such sacrificial manner. We wish to assure the committee that this enjoyable conference was in no small measure due to its untiring efforts.

#### **Miscellaneous Resolutions**

1. Resolved that the name of St. Paul's Church, Huntley, Illinois, be dropped from our church register since the church no longer exists, having been absorbed by St. John's at Harmony and Union, Illinois.

2. We recommend that the president and the secretary of the



North Illinois District be given the sums of \$200 and \$50 respectively to help re-imburse them for at least a part of the expenses they have incurred in the performance of their duties on the District Council, and that a gratuity of \$10 be given to Mrs. Schirneker.

3. The North Illinois District decides that the Home Mission Board receive the amount of \$250 per year for district work or such amount as the treasurer is able to pay.

4. Since the Evangelical, the Heidelberg and Luther's Small Catechisms are included among the important symbolical books of our church, it is urgently requested that some attention be given to these catechisms in the curriculum of Eden Theological Seminary.

5. The North Illinois District requests that the resolutions adopted by all the districts be published in one volume.

6. The North Illinois District empowers the District Council to appropriate the funds not to exceed the sum of \$50 annually which are required to liquidate the deficit of the District Board of Religious Education and which may be required to carry on the work of this Board.

7. The North Illinois District empowers the District Council to act upon requests of congregations to be reassigned to a different regional conference.

8. The North Illinois District requests that the District Council continue the precedent established this year in arranging for a new type of conference program.

9. The North Illinois District empowers the District Council to select a place for the conference to meet in future years.

10. The North Illinois District requests the District Council to have the reports of the District officers and boards mimeographed or printed.

11. The District directs the District Council to determine the status of the St. James Evangelical Church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, as a member of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

12. The District instructs its Secretary to convey the greetings and good wishes of the Conference to those brethren who have been hindered from attending conference because of illness.

### **Ministers and Laymen in Separate Meeting**

On Wednesday at 4:30 P. M. the laymen of the Conference held a special session (no report) while the ministers met to consider applications for membership in the Synod.

### **Membership**

Upon recommendation of the Board of Examiners the following pastors and one congregation were received into full membership with the Synod: Pastors: Wm. Mueller, Theodore Tiemeyer, Albert W. Buck; congregation: Bethel, Creve Coeur, R. R. 6, Peoria, Illinois.

### **Traveling Expenses**

By resolution of the conference the average traveling expense for pastors was set at \$1.60 and for lay representatives at \$2.00. The surplus was turned over to the District Treasury.



## Elections

Moderator: Dr. T. Lehmann.

Vice-Moderator: Rev. F. W. Schroeder.

District Officers and Council: Rev. Arno A. Zimmermann, Pekin, Ill., President; Rev. G. A. Neumann, Downers Grove, Ill., Vice-president; Rev. E. H. Plassman, Peotone, Ill., Secretary; Mr. E. W. Schumacher, 2043 Augusta Blvd., Chicago, Ill., Treasurer; member at large of the District Council, Mr. Geo. W. Deppert, 1212 Caroline St., Pekin, Ill.

General Council: Rev. Arno A. Zimmermann and Mr. W. D. Bobsin.

District Court: Rev. E. F. Rathmann, Bartlett, Ill.; Rev. Aug. Fleer, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. Alfred E. Meyer, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. H. Giesecke, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. George W. Deppert, Pekin, Ill.

Home Missions: Rev. A. B. Gaebe and Dr. E. H. Hohmann, 6 years; Rev. G. Horst and Mr. A. Herbst, 4 years; Rev. B. Freese and Geo. W. Webster, 2 years.

Foreign Missions: Rev. E. Helm, 6 years; Mr. Otto Luedtke, 4 years; Rev. H. Koenig, 2 years.

Pension Fund: Rev. B. Leesmann, 6 years; Rev. George W. Goebel, 4 years; Mr. Otto Ziebell, 2 years.

Religious Education: Rev. L. Landgrebe and Professor Paul Lehmann, 6 years; Rev. H. G. Kroehler and Mr. J. Michel, 4 years; Rev. G. Gumm, 2 years.

Board of Examiners: Dr. F. Frankenfeld, 6 years; Dr. T. Lehmann, 4 years; Dr. D. Irion, 2 years.

Inspector of Mutual Fire Insurance Association: Rev. P. Repke, Kewanee, Illinois, R. R. 5.

Evangelical Brotherhood: Rev. Paul Winger, Niles Center, Ill.; Dr. E. H. Hohmann, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. H. A. Schroeder, Peotone, Ill.; Mr. R. Nordhold, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. E. Kleiner, Chicago, Ill.

Evangelical Women's Union: Rev. J. C. Voeks, Palatine, Ill., Rev. K. Meyer, Chicago, Ill.

Pastor's Home at Bensenville: Rev. H. Limper, Bensenville, Ill.; Rev. Geo. W. Goebel, Des Plaines, Ill.; Rev. J. C. Voeks, Palatine, Ill.; churches: Bethlehem and St. Peter's, Chicago, Ill.

Social Service and Charitable Institutions: Rev. F. Piepenbrok, Deerfield, Ill.; Rev. A. H. Bizer, Northbrook, Ill.

Historical Commission: Dr. J. Kircher, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. John Herrmann, East Chicago, Ind.

## Conclusion

The newly elected officers were installed on Thursday evening prior to the closing session of the conference by the Rev. A. B. Gaebe. Adjournment at 9 P. M. Thursday, June 20, 1935, sine die. The Lord's Prayer was spoken in unison.

*E. H. Plassmann, Secretary.*

Approved:

*Timothy Lehmann, Moderator.*



## **MINUTES**

of the

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### **OHIO DISTRICT**

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Held in

### **First Evangelical Church**

Rev. F. E. Klemme, Pastor

### **Portsmouth, Ohio**

**June 3-6, 1935**

The forty-sixth conference of the Ohio District met in the First Evangelical Church of Portsmouth, Ohio, on the afternoon of June 3, 1935. The session opened with a brief devotion conducted by the president of the District, Rev. H. E. Pfeiffer. Mr. Wm. C. Hazlebeck extended a cordial welcome to the visiting pastors and delegates on behalf of the entertaining church, to which greeting the president responded briefly.

The roll call showed the presence of a quorum and the conference was officially declared in session. Rev. H. E. Pfeiffer was elected moderator and Mr. Wm. C. Hazlebeck vice-moderator of the conference. Upon motion the printed conference program was then accepted as the official order of business. The Committee on Credentials and Excuses read a list of accredited delegates and registered pastors and upon motion of the committee the persons whose names were read were given seat and vote in the conference.

The president then read the names of the committee on nominations, selected by the District Council. This committee was made up of the following conference delegates: Rev. Paul David, Rev. C. Ralph Schmidt, Rev. Paul Pfeiffer, Mrs. C. Ralston and Mr. J. H. Frische.

Upon motion of the Committee on Excuses the following were excused for part time: Rev. J. Melchert, Rev. R. Ditter, Rev. G. Krause and Rev. P. Saleste. For the entire conference the following were excused: Rev. O. Wittlinger, Rev. J. E. Digel, Rev. Theo. Papsdorf, Rev. P. Bourquin and Rev. A. Scheible.

The president then read his annual report to the District. This was followed by the reading of reports of the following officers and committees: Pension and Relief Board, District Council, District Treasurer, District Home Mission Board, District Women's Union, District



Sunday School and Young People's Work, Detroit Home for Orphans and Aged, Committee on Foreign Missions, Committee on Evangelism, Committee on Evangelical Brotherhood. All these reports were received and referred to the respective conference committees for further action and recommendations.

Several new members of the conference and guests were then presented and welcomed. The afternoon session closed with a Bible Study conducted by Rev. F. W. Brueseke, who spoke on "The Sustaining Work of God," basing his discourse on the Scripture passage in John 5: 1-17. Adjournment followed.

### **Tuesday's Sessions**

After a song service Rev. Theo. S. Schlundt opened the second day's session with prayer. After roll call the minutes of the previous day's proceedings were read and approved. The Committee on Credentials presented a number of additional names of registered accredited delegates and they were given seat and vote.

Rev. H. P. Vieth then presented the serious crisis we are facing as a Church and suggested various very definite ways in which we can meet this crisis now. He stressed in particular the need for honest and consecrated Christian stewardship.

In the course of the day the Committee on Nominations presented the names of candidates to fill the offices of the District, and the election was held by ballot. At ten o'clock a recess was declared to give the various conference committees an opportunity of drafting their resolutions.

The afternoon session was presided over by the vice-moderator. Rev. Theo. Honold conducted a period of devotion. Committee Number 8 was first to report and bring its resolutions, which were adopted.

Dr. B. F. Lamb, Executive Secretary of the Ohio Council of Churches, addressed the conference, giving illuminating information on the effort on the part of the Ohio Council of Churches in defeating the bill before the Ohio legislature to appropriate public funds to support parochial schools.

Rev. F. Meusch, Recording Secretary of the Synod, then conveyed a few words of greeting to the conference.

Committees Number 2 and Number 6 brought in reports and presented resolutions which were adopted.

Rev. C. L. Higgins reported on his work as District Inspector for the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association.

The afternoon session was brought to a close with an excellent Bible Study by Rev. E. W. Brueseke on the subject: "Divine Resource for Effective Living," based upon Ephesians 3. Adjournment followed.

### **Wednesday's Sessions**

After a devotional period conducted by Rev. W. Bartels the conference proceeded with roll call and adoption of minutes of the proceedings of Tuesday's sessions. The Committee on Mileage brought in its report with a recommendation that the mileage refund be reduced from



four to three and one-half cents per mile travelled. The recommendation was approved. It was further decided that the sum of five dollars be fixed as the average equalization fee for all delegates and pastors for this conference.

The chairman of the District Home Mission Board, Rev. P. David presented the cause of Home Missions within the district which was followed by the reading and adoption of the resolutions presented by the conference committee dealing with Home Missions.

Rev. G. Bruce Cameron of Cincinnati, representing the American Bible Society, gave an account of some of the activities of this great organization. Committee 10, 7, 14, 3 then brought in their reports and resolutions which were adopted.

The morning session closed with a Bible Study by Rev. A. E. Kitterer, who spoke on: "From Vision to Action," using as a text Joel 2:28.

The afternoon session began with prayer by Rev. W. Grunwaldt. Mr. Hazlebeck, a member of the Commission on Constitution for the United Church, gave some sidelights on the proposed and tentative draft of the new constitution.

Rev. M. P. Davis, one of our missionaries in India, who is now on furlough, gave an interesting address on the developments in the racial and religious struggles that are going on in India and showing the definite challenge and opportunity they present to the Christian Church. This address was followed by the presentation of resolutions by Committee Number 5 which were adopted. Committee Number 9 presented its resolutions which were adopted.

The motion was made, seconded and carried, that the conference dispense this year with electing delegates to a General Conference. Elections took up the balance of the session.

At the close of the afternoon session Rev. A. E. Kitterer continued his Bible Study in which he developed the thoughts outlined in his previous study. Adjournment followed.

#### Thursday's Session

The closing day of the conference began with a memorial service conducted by Rev. Henry Bahnsen. The business session opened with roll call and the reading and adoption of the minutes of the proceedings of Wednesday's sessions. The president then made his appointment of the standing committees for the coming year.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter of the printing of the minutes of the conference be left to the discretion of the District Council.

The newly elected officers of the District and the members of the District Judiciary were then formally installed by Rev. F. A. Meusch. Committee Number 11 then presented several special resolutions, which were adopted.

Rev. H. P. Vieth, synodical representative, again addressed the conference in a final word of admonition and a plea for larger support of the Kingdom Cause.



The Committee on Mileage recommended that the surplus in equalization fund be given over to the Dunkirk Maintenance Fund. This recommendation was adopted.

Upon motion the secretary was instructed to send a message of greeting to our senior pastor, Rev. J. E. Digel, who for the first time in many years could not attend the conference.

After the reading and adoption of the closing day's session's minutes the conference adjourned sine die.

Rev. Paul Pfeiffer offered the closing prayer.

### **Divine Services**

The opening church service was held on Monday evening with Rev. C. Higgins in charge of the altar service. Rev. H. P. Vieth preached the sermon. The church choir, supported by the boys' choir and a girls' choir, all fully robed, enhanced the service with beautiful anthems.

In the evening service on Tuesday Rev. F. A. Meusch preached the word, and Rev. H. E. Pfeiffer served at the altar. Holy Communion was celebrated and the members of the conference as well as members of the local church partook of the sacrament.

### **Items of Interest**

During the noon hour on Wednesday the hosts had provided for an extensive auto tour which took the guests through the city of Portsmouth into the picturesque and interesting environs of the city.

At the supper meeting on Wednesday the conference guests enjoyed a splendid banquet prepared by the ladies of the church. In connection with the meal a program of music and speaking was presented in the interest of the Elmhurst-Eden Alumni Association. Rev. H. Schowe was the toastmaster. The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. A. F. Alberswerth of Mehlville, Mo.

Later that evening a set of new slides depicting the work of Dunkirk Leadership Training School was shown.

Much interest was displayed in the group singing and the instrumental numbers given at the close of each meal.

### **Members of the Conference**

#### **Pastors**

Agricola, El., Baltic, O.  
Ahrens, H. C., 232 E. Church St., Marion, O.  
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Ditter, Rudolph C., 306 E. Main St., Pomeroy, O.  
 Doenges, Otto C., 159 Toussaint St., Oak Harbor, O.  
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#### Congregations and Representatives

##### *Northwest Region—*

Elliston, Trinity—Mrs. Martha Beshalske  
 Elmore, St. John—Fred Suiss  
 Genoa, St. John—Mrs. E. Nickelson  
 Loudon Tp. (Fostoria), St. John—  
 Millbury, St. Peter—  
 Oak Harbor, St. Paul—Mrs. Helen Schultz  
 Sandusky, Emanuel—S. J. Bickley  
 Sandusky, St. Stephen—Willard Grethwol  
 Oxford Tp., St. John—  
 Tiffin, St. John—John Woerner  
 Toledo, St. Paul—Miss Lassetta Pickard

##### *West Region—*

Chattanooga, St. Paul—Fred Miller  
 Goshen Tp., Evangelical—  
 Kenton, St. John—Wm. Loeffert  
 Marion, Salem—C. G. Roecker  
 New Bremen, St. Paul—E. F. Erhardt  
 New Bremen, St. Peter—Elmer Ziegenbusch  
 Van Wert, St. Peter—Louis Gehres  
 Wapakoneta, St. Paul—J. H. Fische  
 Wren (Harrison Tp.), St. Paul—  
 Convoy, St. John—F. A. Immel  
 Kettlersville, Immanuel—

##### *Tuscarawas Region—*

Baltic, Zion—Miss Arlene Burkey  
 Halifax, Zion—  
 Buck's Tp., St. Paul—  
 Buck's Tp., St. Peter—  
 Bolivar, St. John—Mrs. Hermine Pfau  
 Dover Tp., St. Paul—  
 Dover, St. John—Marvin Miller  
 Crooked Run, Salem—  
 Coshocton, St. John—Mrs. Edna Tumblin  
 Loudonville, Trinity—Wm. Wolff  
 Mansfield, St. John—Frank J. May  
 Massillon, St. John—Mrs. Clara Ralston  
 Navarre, St. Paul—  
 Port Washington, St. Paul—Charles Frank







C. E. Schmidt, Paul Pfeiffer, H. Schowe, A. Scheible, C. Higgins. Congregations: Sandusky, St. Stephen; Columbus, St. Paul; Mansfield, Portsmouth; Cleveland, St. John.

3. *Educational Institutions* (Pages 28-37). Pastors: O. Zwilling, P. Saleste, E. Agricola, Paul Schmidt. Congregations: Newark; Dover; Parma; Chillicothe, Salem; Cleveland, Friedens.

4. *Home Missions (Synodical and District), Church Extension* (Pages 46-62). Pastors: Theo. F. Braun, G. Krause, A. J. Wahl, W. Kuhlmann. Congregations: Millbury; Marion; Convoy; Cleveland, St. Paul; Waverly; Cleveland, Zion.

5. *Foreign Missions* (Pages 63-93). Pastors: Theo. Merten, C. Ralph Schmidt, C. A. Wahl, W. Klein. Congregations: Amherst; Cleveland, Bethany; Coshocton; Genoa; Crooked Run.

6. *Religious Education, Evangelical League* (Pages 102-114, 142-146). Pastors: W. Berlekamp, Theo. Schlundt, Jr., Miss L. Digel, O. C. Doenges, H. E. Pfister, August Kitterer. Congregation: Chillicothe, St. John; Bolivar; Lorain; Chattanooga; Oxford Tp.; New Bremen, St. Peter; West Park.

7. *Brotherhood, Women's Union, Christianity and Social Problems, Evangelical Charities*. Pastors: Paul David, R. Ditter, P. Bourquin, Theo. Honold, J. C. Melchert. Congregations: Baltic; South Amherst; Cleveland, Ridge Road; Cleveland, St. Paul.

8. *District President, District Council*. Pastors: P. C. Kaefer, F. Graeper, R. Loew, E. C. Klutey, Theo. Kitterer, A. Juergens. Congregations: Cleveland, First Evangelical; Elyria; Elmore; Fostoria; Kenton.

9. *Mutual Insurance, Historical Commission, Auditing* (Pages 157-160, 156). Pastors: E. Wierth, W. Vogelmann, O. Wittlinger, H. Bahnsen, S. Egger. Congregations: Cleveland, Trinity; Elliston; Zanesville; Convoy; Wren; New Bremen, St. Paul.

10. *Applications for Membership*. Pastors: J. E. Digel, P. Pfeiffer, Theo. Merten. Congregations: Wooster; Strasburg.

11. *Correlation and Special Resolutions*. Pastors—E. W. Brueske, J. K. Braun, L. H. Lammers. Congregations: Oak Harbor; Pomeroy; Sandusky, Emanuel; Columbus, St. John; Cleveland, Immanuel.

12. *Elections*. A. L. Hegeman, W. Grünwaldt. Congregations: Loudonville; Washington Twp.; Tiffin; Stone Creek. B. Waldo Bartels. Congregations: Cleveland, Pilgrim; Navarre; Millersburg; Port Washington; Kettlersville.

13. *Committee on Nominations*. See minutes.

14. *Pension Board, Board of Publications* (Pages 115-119, 94-101). Pastors: E. N. Krafft, Armin Kitterer, Theo. Papsdorf, Theo. Schlundt, Sr. Congregations: Wapakoneta; Massillon; Portsmouth; Cleveland, Christ; Springfield.



### District President's Report

Dear Brethren and Co-workers in the Churches:

It seems hardly necessary for me to make an extensive report on the conditions that have obtained in the world and in our state of Ohio since the conference last year. We all know the terrific struggle that has been made to keep the Church and its institutions running and efficient, how some of the brethren have been led to doubt that the Church could continue in many instances, how incomes of the membership, the pastors and churches have been curtailed and reductions made in every item of church expense. But God has been faithful and our faith in Him has been justified, for His work goes on with a brighter outlook than for some time. Especially has the income of the Synod been heavily cut, so that all budgets have had to be cut  $33\frac{1}{3}$  per cent. Still the income continues to shrink. In the first three months of 1935 the Synod received 39 per cent of what should have been paid, which was actually given by less than 50 per cent of the churches. 630 churches paid nothing during the first three months of this budget year. Of the 76 churches in our District there are 28 churches showing no contributions for these months. It would seem that in many of these churches with a little effort on the part of loyal, consecrated pastors and members some money could have been contributed. May we urge you as you return home, to make a special effort to see that your congregation contribute to the budget of the Synod. If the work of our denomination is to continue *something must be done*. Let us all do our work, for eventually victory will come. Our Lord has said that the "very gates of hell shall not prevail against His Church." Conditions in church work are changing and ever will, but the promise still holds, and if we only have the faith and courage to go ahead, even though we cannot see the great fruits of our efforts, the crisis will be weathered and the work will go on.

### Vacancies

In the Ohio District at the present time there are five vacant pulpits. St. John's, Loudon Twp.; Fostoria; St. John's, Millersburg; St. John's, Columbus; Immanuel, Kettlersville; St. Paul's, Cleveland. In the handling of these matters connected with the calling of a pastor it has been my sincere desire to be fair with both the applicants and the congregations. Some congregations, however, seem to think that the district places a man in the position of president as a mere decoration. Some pastors also think that the District President is a stumbling-block in their way to a big church and are ever endeavoring to get around that stumbling block. A number of men have taken into their own hands the negotiations with churches seeking pastors and have discovered, generally to their sorrow, that most of the churches have a greater sense of order than they.

### District Roll

At present there are 51 pastors in active service in the churches. Four are listed as superannuated, one is furloughed, one invalided, two



supernumeraries, one commissioned worker and one superintendent of a hospital. The brethren J. E. Digel and Th. Papsdorf have been ill, but we hope for their speedy recovery.

#### Transfers

The following were given transfers: Rev. F. Tschudy to the Southern District; Rev. Theo. Franke to the Indiana District; Rev. C. Sprenger to the Michigan District; Rev. L. G. Weber to the North Illinois District.

The following were received: Rev. W. Bartels from Indiana District; Rev. Wilmer Grunwaldt from Wisconsin District; Rev. C. Sprenger from the Pennsylvania District (without a congregation).

#### Installations

E. Wierth, Salem, Chillicothe, May 27, 1934, by H. Schowe.

W. W. Vogelmann, Immanuel, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, June 3, 1934, by W. F. Baumann.

Wilmer Grunwaldt, Immanuel, Valley City, Jan. 20, 1935, by C. E. Schmidt.

Theo. Schlundt, Sr., St. John's, Chillicothe, and First Evangelical, Waverly, Feb. 3, 1935, by T. S. Schlundt, Jr.

W. Bartels, St. John's, Dover, March 3, 1935, by J. E. Digel.

#### Anniversaries

St. Peter's, Fiat, Sept. 9, 1934, 100th anniversary.

Emanuel, Sandusky, Oct. 4-7, 1934, 90th anniversary.

St. John's, Mansfield, Jan. 1-15, 1935, 90th anniversary.

St. John's, Oxford Tp., May 5, 1935, 70th anniversary.

First Evangelical, Cleveland, May 12, 1935, 100th anniversary of the former "Schifflein Christi."

St. John's, Elmore, May 12, 1935, 75th anniversary.

#### In Memoriam

Mrs. Augusta Blankenhahn, June 13, 1934, Cleveland.

Rev. Adolph Egli, Oct. 17, 1934, Millersburg.

Mrs. D. Gebauer, Jan. 26, 1935, Cleveland.

Mrs. Johanna Egli, Feb. 7, 1935, Cleveland.

Mrs. Anna Mahlberg, Feb. 26, 1935, Bucyrus.

Mrs. Louise Lindenmeyer, March 13, 1935, Lake Placid, N. Y.

Mrs. Lydia Linder, March 27, 1935, Cleveland.

#### Fellowship

In many parts of our district a feeling of fellowship is growing between our churches and the former Reformed Church. Our men, women and young people are meeting together in conferences and conventions, and the process of assimilation is continuing. In some cases our pastors are meeting together regularly with the Reformed Church brethren and developing a program of co-ordination for churches and organizations.

Signed: H. E. Pfeiffer,  
President Ohio District.



### Report of Pension and Relief Board

Your committee met at Wapakoneta in January. Eleven applications for relief were considered and definite recommendations made. Two widows informed us that they would try to get along without relief. Relief had to be cut, due to the fact that the Synodical Pension Board will receive from the budget \$9,000 less than last year. In 1933 pension payments had to be cut \$30 and \$24 respectively. In 1934 a third of this cut could be restored and it was hoped that another third could be restored this year. However such is not the case. The present income warrants no increases. On our list are at present eight pastors and 16 widows. In July, 1934, your chairman sent a personal letter to the 15 pastors of our district who are not yet members of the Fund. These brought no response. We desire that each pastor who is eligible for membership should consider this matter most seriously.

*Theo. Papsdorf, Chairman*

*Louis H. Tangeman*

*Richard J. Loew*

### District Council

The District Council held three meetings since the last conference. The budget quota for Ohio District was apportioned to the congregations. The preparation of programs for the five Regional conferences as well as for the District Conferences were considered and acted upon. It was decided that the lay members of the District Council be considered delegates to the District Conference and that the expenses of travel and registration be borne by the district unless these members are also delegates of their respective congregations.

### Summary of Treasurer's Report

From May 16, 1934, to May 25, 1935

Receipts .....	\$3,326.47
Disbursements .....	2,266.18
Balance May 25, 1935 .....	\$1,060.29

*Jacob Haller, Treasurer.*

### Report of District Home Mission Board

*West Gate:* The real estate, consisting of several lots, is still in our possession. The taxes are paid to date.

*St. Paul, Toledo:* Rev. L. Hegeman began his work in St. Paul with a membership of 86. It now numbers 143. On Palm Sunday a class of 16 was received by confirmation. 17 adults were added to the church on Easter Sunday. Worship service attendance has increased. The various organizations show a steady growth and are actively engaged in the work of the church. Sunday school enrollment is 135. Regular monthly payments are being made to the synodical budget. Rev. Hegeman made a survey of the whole field and feels confident



that the church has a splendid prospect for future development. Appropriation from Central Board \$414.40.

*Pilgrim, Cleveland:* Rev. A. Scheible. The work in this field is progressing along constructive lines. Membership 175. Sunday school enrollment 216. Pilgrim Church is well established and the prospects for the future are good. Appropriation from the Central Board \$1,165.80.

*Ridge Road, Cleveland.* Rev. C. Ralph Schmidt. Membership 55. Sunday school enrollment 120. Four were confirmed and 14 were received into church membership on Easter Sunday. The congregation is faced with financial difficulties. They will not be able to meet their payments of more than \$1000 each year to the Extension Fund Board and also pay all current expenses. Many Evangelical and Reformed people living near the mission have connections with other Cleveland churches. If in the future some of them could be advised and induced to transfer their membership to this struggling field it would serve as an encouragement and render valuable aid where it is most needed. Appropriation from Central Board \$1,313.75.

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul O. David*, Chairman Home Mission Board.

### Evangelical Women's Union

Our executive board met twice during the past year for the purpose of discussing the various phases of the program. According to the report of the president, Mrs. Lina Bruken, we have 66 local Women's Unions and 58 are using the monthly program. More of the local organizations are having the six departments at work. To quote Mrs. Bruken: "Some of our Unions feel they do not need these departments. We hope, with the help of the pastors, to have these departments in all the Women's Unions this year."

At the annual convention in Oak Harbor in May, 1934, it was voted to change the constitution and hold annual conventions in the fall of each year in line with the plan followed by most District Unions.

Plans have been made for the appearance of the "Ohio District Women's Union at Work," a mimeographed paper to be issued from time to time with the assistance of the District Departmental Chairmen and the cooperation of the six federations within our district.

Our special projects for the year are the Leadership Training School at Dunkirk and the Cleveland Deaconess Hospital.

Mrs. Bruken: "The merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches has brought about a pleasant relationship in the Ohio District and we are enjoying getting acquainted with the Women's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod."

Respectfully submitted,

Pastoral Advisors:

*Paul W. Schmidt*

*R. J. Loew*



### **Sunday School and Young People's Work**

The joint convention of the Y. P. L. and Sunday Schools of the District was held in Sandusky, June 20-21, 1934, was the outstanding work of the past year. Regional rallies and institutes have been urged and recommended by the committee. *Lilian Digel, Chairman.*

### **Home for the Orphans and Aged at Detroit**

Realizing the present economic condition and the corresponding difficulties confronting us, we should feel very grateful for the blessings of the Almighty God upon our Home during these days. Because of the generous gifts of those outside our church as well as from our own people we were able to continue this blessed work for another year. Many improvements were made to keep our building in the best shape possible. The Zoar Society of Detroit has given many fine donations for this work.

We of the Ohio District as well as our entire church should feel proud of our Detroit institution. During the past year we note that the gifts from our Ohio people have greatly increased. The Northwest Ohio Region annually fills the Home truck to overflowing with gifts usable during the year.

At a recent meeting it was decided to organize a children's band, and we believe this will be a benefit in presenting the Home to more of our people in and about Detroit, yet more will it add to our educational program.

At the present time 48 aged and 125 children are taken care of by 18 employees. Of the above number two aged and six children are from Ohio. Most of our children are from Detroit and the immediate vicinity.

May we continue to ask God's blessing on this noble work, and also help in any way we can.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wm. J. Kuhlmann, District Representative.*

### **District Foreign Mission Committee**

The District Foreign Mission Committee existed mainly in the person of its chairman, Rev. G. Siegenthaler. Since he has left the District and cannot report, the other member of the committee feels unable to make even a brief report. Synodical Foreign Mission headquarters keeps in touch with each pastor and congregation, and the cause is thus kept before our people. *Rev. F. H. Klemme.*

### **The District Committee on Evangelism**

We would again urge all pastors and church councils to adapt to their needs the splendid suggestions our Synodical Committee on Promotion offers from time to time. Nothing can take the place of educational evangelism. We hope that our past reminder in this matter was heeded and found helpful.

*F. H. Klemme*

*J. K. Brown, Committee.*

*H. E. Pheiffer, President.*

*Ernst Irion, Secretary.*



## **Resolutions Adopted by the Conference**

### **Synodical President**

1. The Ohio District finds itself in hearty accord with President Klick concerning the need for self-examination and in his statement, that we dare not lose sight of the fact that it is the business of the church to preach Christ, to bring His teaching into all human relationships, to speak out clearly against the many sins of our day, against social injustice, racial hatred, nationalism, corrupt politics and flagrant disregard of human and divine law among rich and poor.

2. The Ohio District expresses its sincere gratitude to Rev. Paul Press for his splendid service as President of the Synod and voices its confidence in and pledges its wholehearted support to the Rev. F. C. Klick and asks God's blessings upon him in the difficult task as President of our Synod.

### **Synodical Treasurer**

The Ohio District expresses its hearty appreciation to the Treasurer of the Synod, Mr. F. A. Keck, for his comprehensive report and the conscientious discharge of his duties.

The Ohio District requests its pastors and congregations to refrain from questionable methods in raising money and expresses its belief that the best way of financing the program of the church and the Kingdom is by outright voluntary giving.

### **Endowment and Trust Funds**

The District commends the splendid services and management of the Board members of the Endowment and Trust Fund, particularly during these trying years.

### **Educational Institutions**

#### **EDEN SEMINARY**

1. The District is very happy to note that the union of Central Seminary of Dayton, Ohio, with Eden Seminary of Webster Groves, Mo., has proved very satisfactory thus far, and expresses the hope that by further readjustments in the curriculum of Eden permanent success and satisfaction can be assured.

2. The District welcomes Dr. H. Christman, Dr. F. W. Leich, and H. Werneke, formerly of Central Seminary, to our Eden faculty and wishes for them continued joy and success in their new work.

3. We deeply regret the loss of the late Professor Frederick Pfeiffer, instructor of Church Music at Eden Seminary, and pray that God in His grace may sustain his family in their bereavement.

4. We welcome Professor Walter E. Von Kalinowski to the chair of Church Music and we are happy to note that Professor Elmer J. Arndt has returned to the Seminary from his graduate work at Yale Divinity School.

5. The Ohio District congratulates the Eden Faculty upon its very helpful convocation and special lecture course for 1934-1935. We also take cognizance of the progress that is being made in the Field Work Department of the Seminary and most heartily endorse the action



taken by the Board of Directors, that, beginning with September, 1935, the entrance requirements at Eden will be a full A.B. course.

6. The District concurs with Dr. S. Press, that "a theological education that lacks sensitivity to today's needs is neither theological nor educational. If our curriculum is to mean something to our students and to do something for their work in ministering to the world, it must be governed and permeated by the fundamental elements of actual life. It must be directed to present day needs in the world at large and to the individual in his everyday concerns."

#### ELMHURST COLLEGE

1. We are grateful that Elmhurst College has now achieved a rating in the Association of American Colleges which makes it a fully accredited college and we sincerely hope that this relationship can be sustained.

2. The Ohio District re-affirms its belief in the value of a Christian College in this day when the greater emphasis upon learning how to live well supersedes the more general conception, that higher education is valuable only when it enables one to make a better living.

3. The Ohio District looks with favor upon the extension of co-educational facilities as the need arises.

4. The Ohio District welcomes all newly appointed members of the faculty at Elmhurst and extends its congratulations to Professor Karl Bauer upon the completion of 45 years of faithful service to the institution.

5. The District looks with favor on any financial support by means of scholarships or otherwise, that can be granted to individual students, but recommends that all such support be made contingent to scholarship and faithfulness.

#### ELMHURST-EDEN ADVANCE

The Ohio District reaffirms its faith in the Elmhurst-Eden Advance and urges all members of the District to meet their pledges as they come due.

#### Synodical Home Missions

1. We believe with the Board that there is still a call for Home Mission Work in fields that are underchurched as well as among the underprivileged, such as the Back Bay District in Biloxi, the Ozarks, and the like.

2. We believe that, where and when retrenchment must be made, the Central Board be given authority to select the churches or fields which must be discontinued.

3. We are gratified that during the 75th Anniversary of Home Missions the income from designations for this work was doubled.

4. We rejoice that the number of new members in Home Mission churches has increased nearly 800 and that four churches have become self-supporting.

5. We sanction the efforts of both Home Mission Boards (Reformed and Evangelical) in merging Home Mission work where the two bodies had been working in the same field.



6. We express our gratitude to the Women's Union for its continued efforts in supporting Home Mission work through its thank-offering.

7. We urge the continuance of visual education and urge every pastor to look after the distribution of the pamphlet "The Home Mission Bulletin" which has recently been issued.

#### **District Home Missions**

We commend the Rev. Lloyd Hegeman of St. Paul's, Toledo, Rev. A. G. Scheible, Pilgrim, Cleveland, and Rev. C. Ralph Schmidt, Ridge Road, Cleveland, for their continued faithfulness under great difficulties.

#### **Foreign Missions**

1. The Ohio District recognizes the fact that the death of Dr. Paul Menzel greatly affects the work of the Board. With the entire constituency of our church we deeply mourn his loss.

2. We are confident that Rev. F. A. Goetsch will efficiently direct the work of the office of Executive Secretary and that he fully deserves the hearty co-operation of the church.

3. The District appreciates the fact that the work in both India and Honduras has prospered in spite of the curtailment of financial support and realizes that this result was made possible only because of the blessing of God and the devoted labor of our workers.

4. We rejoice that the Board has been able to open new stations in Honduras (Yoro and Pinalejo) and to add a new worker to its missionary staff in India in the person of Dr. Harold Freund.

5. We realize that we cannot perform our duty before God in the foreign field unless we provide the means and the workers for larger work. We believe that the Board is stressing only the most necessary addition to its staff when it calls for one new ordained missionary and two new lady missionaries for India and one new ordained missionary for Honduras.

6. We are happy to realize that after the consolidation of the work the members of the new Evangelical and Reformed Church will have a wider horizon in foreign missions through the added field of Japan, China and Iraq.

#### **Religious Education**

1. We believe that the subject of Christian Education is being approached with a new degree of thoughtfulness today.

2. We recommend to our churches a re-thinking of the entire program so that it will adequately meet the demands of life's relationships and attitudes.

3. We express our appreciation to the Board of Religious Education for the splendid application of religion to life as portrayed in the articles and lesson helps of the "Light Bearer."

4. We urge all church schools of our District to subscribe to the "Light Bearer" for their teachers.

5. We look forward with eagerness to an early completion of "The Guide for Confirmation Instruction."



6. We call the attention of our District to the Bailey Religious Art Collection of Stereopticon Slides and the Service Library.

7. We anticipate with interest further details and information concerning the proposed Church School for Missions.

8. We believe that Dunkirk is meeting a real need in its training of our young and old as is evidenced by continual growth and development in all camp and school activities.

9. We urge all churches of the Ohio District to assume their obligations toward Dunkirk of ten cents per church member and we recommend that this be paid by the Sunday school.

#### **Evangelical League**

1. In view of the importance of Young People's Work in our Synod we request the General Council to re-consider its action regarding an appropriation for the League and to restore an adequate allowance for this important work.

2. Because of the financial difficulty in which the Evangelical League finds itself, we strongly urge all Leagues to pay not only their assessments but to send support in a special way immediately.

#### **Brotherhood**

1. We hope that the recent National Convention held at Milwaukee will result in a closer union of the Evangelical Brotherhood and the Reformed Churchmen's League.

2. We suggest the institution of a traveling library for the regional conference to make more religious, inspirational and educational material available to our men.

3. We accept in full the recommendations of the Evangelical Brotherhood Board.

#### **Women's Union**

1. We heartily endorse the prospective consummation of the union of all women's organizations of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, thereby linking them up with the whole program of the united church.

2. We express our appreciation to the Women's Union for the substantial aid given the church through the Thankoffering, Student Aid Fund, Day of Prayer Offering, and like contributions.

3. We recommend that our local societies accept the recommendations made by the Evangelical Women's Union officials in the annual reports.

#### **Commission on Christianity and Social Problems**

1. The Ohio District authorizes its District Council to appoint a special District Commission on Christianity and Social Problems.

2. We thank the Commission for the various helpful pamphlets prepared thus far. We are also grateful for the "Film Estimate Service" in the "Evangelical Tidings" and the "Light Bearer," and we recommend that if possible this service be extended to "The Evangelical Herald" and the "Friedensbote".

#### **Evangelical Charities**

1. We request that our congregations remember our hospitals and



charitable institutions with special donations, and in order to secure such gifts we ask the District to designate a special Charity Institutions Donation Sunday.

2. We suggest that the District organize a District Charity Association with fixed membership dues.

3. We urge our congregations to recruit workers for the Deaconess cause as well as paying members for the above-mentioned charity association.

4. The District requests the superintendents of our charitable institutions to submit an annual report concerning the actual status of their institutions.

#### **District President**

1. We appreciate the fact that our District President has been working under difficulties that are rather unusual and commend him for his faithfulness.

2. We consider it our duty to call the attention of all our congregations most emphatically to the necessity of contributing more liberally to the support of Kingdom work. We note that in some instances funds contributed by church members have been carelessly diverted from the Synodical budget to the payment of *local* expenses. This we regard as a betrayal of trust toward individual givers and do not believe that God can bless such acts. We believe in the maxim, that only a missionary-minded church can really prosper in its local work.

3. We call attention to the mode of procedure regarding the filling of vacant pulpits that is prescribed by our Synodical by-laws (Art. III, Sec. 9, par. 1) and demand that the Ohio District President be always looked upon as the official mediator in these matters and that he be kept informed of all developments.

4. To our outgoing officers, Rev. Ernst Irion as secretary and Mr. Jacob Haller as treasurer and Mr. George Herman as Member of the District Council we extend our hearty thanks.

#### **Pensions**

1. It is gratifying to know that it was possible to increase the pension payments over those of 1933 and we hope that in the near future the pension can be restored to its full amount.

We remind all eligible pastors who are not members of the Pension Fund that membership in the Fund is a moral obligation of every Evangelical pastor.

2. It should also be noted at this time that the opportunity to purchase years of service prior to 1910 expires Jan. 31, 1936.

3. The Ohio District deeply appreciates the generosity and thoughtful consideration to the cause of Pension and Relief which was manifested by Mrs. M. Mack and Dr. D. Irion, who returned pensions received for the purpose of special relief, by the Women's Union with its financial support and the erection of the cottages at Blue Springs and by the gift of Mrs. Emma Leonhardt which made possible the erection and the cottage at Bensenville.



4. We would kindly remind those congregations which have not paid their pledges to the Pension and Relief Fund, to keep their promised pledge.

#### **Publications**

Since we believe that a denominational journal offers an opportunity for the expression and discussion of matters peculiar to our interests, and since such a publication would be of exceptional value to the United Church, we therefore would welcome the publication of such a journal in our merged church and request that the resolution of the General Conference of 1933 relative to the publication of such a magazine be carried out.

#### **Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association**

1. We urge those churches and pastors who have not affiliated themselves with the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association, to avail themselves of this sound and inexpensive type of insurance.

2. We rejoice in the fact that at the close of the year 1934 the Insurance Department of Iowa, in examining the books and records of the Association, has pronounced it solvent and efficiently administered.

3. We commend our District Inspector, Clarence Higgins, for the able manner in which he has discharged his duties.

#### **Historical Commission**

1. We heartily commend the work which the commission is doing.

2. We urge the cooperation of all our churches when called upon for information in the work, and recommend that they keep all their records up to date and intact.

3. We recommend the continuation of this research work even though in the near future this commission may be merged with a similar one in the United Church.

#### **Special Resolutions**

1. Whereas we feel that the President of the District has other demands made upon his time during the sessions of the conference we recommend that in the future some one other than the District President be elected moderator of the conference.

2. We view with alarm the sinister forces in the world that threaten to drag the nations into another international conflict, and we urge all Christians to work and to pray, yes, even to suffer if necessary, for the great cause of world peace.

3. We recommend that the churches of our District take careful note of all members who have moved from their congregations and immediately inform the pastor in the area in which they have located. We especially urge our church to cooperate with our mission churches in this respect.

4. Whereas, the work of the American Bible Society is of recognized value to the Christian Church, Be it resolved, 1. That we heartily endorse the American Bible Society in its purpose of making the Bible more widely and more easily available, and that we further endorse



the celebration this year of four hundred years of the printed English Bible, by encouraging our people to read and study their Scriptures more faithfully and by holding suitable anniversary observances in the autumn in every church and Sunday school, and that we further recognize that our denomination has recommended the giving of a percentage of its benevolence budget to the American Bible Society.

5. We take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to First Evangelical Church, the pastor and his family, the choirs, all the committees who worked hard to make this an exceptional conference, to our hosts and hostesses who entertained us so well, and to all others who in any way contributed to the success of this conference. We also extend our thanks to the guest speakers who contributed so much to the conference.

6. We earnestly hope and pray for the speedy recovery of our good co-workers, Rev. J. E. Digel, Rev. Theo. Papsdorf and Rev. A. Scheible.

7. We recommend that at future district conferences an editor be appointed to assemble and issue a daily bulletin of interesting events and humorous highlights of the conference.

### **Elections and Appointments**

*District President*, Rev. H. E. Pfeiffer, Sandusky; *Vice-President*, Rev.

L. H. Lammers, Newark; *Secretary*, Rev. Theo. S. Schlundt, Navarre; *Treasurer*, Mr. Norman Apel, Portsmouth.

*Member of District Council*, Mr. Ed. Carsten.

*District Home Mission Board*, Rev. Theo. Schlundt, Mr. Walter Hartline.

*District Foreign Mission Board*, Rev. C. E. Schmidt.

*District Board of Religious Education*, 6 year term, Mr. Wm. Jenkins,

Rev. Paul Wm. Schmidt; 4 year term, Mr. Edwin Schmidt.

*District Pension Board*, Mr. Louis Tangemann.

*Board of Examiners*, 6 year term, Ernest Irion; 4 year term, Rev. H. Bahnsen.

*District Court*, Rev. Theo. F. Braun, Rev. O. H. Zwilling, Rev. F. Graeper, Mr. Walter Obert and Mr. Marvin Miller.

*District Inspector for Mutual Insurance Association*, Rev. C. Higgins.

*Representative on Board of Detroit Home*, Rev. Wm. Kuhlmann.

*Kingdom Service Commission*, Rev. L. H. Lammers, Rev. R. J. Loew, Rev. Theo. Schlundt, Rev. W. Berlekamp, Rev. H. Schowe, Rev. O. Zwilling.

*Advisors to Women's Union Federation*, Rev. R. Loew, Rev. Paul Schmidt.

*Committee on Evangelism*, Rev. F. H. Klemme, Rev. J. K. Braun.

*Representative on Ohio Council of Churches*, Rev. Paul C. Kaefer.

*Ernst Irion, Secretary,*

Read and approved:

H. E. Pfeiffer, President and Moderator  
President and Moderator.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**22nd CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**PACIFIC-NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

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**Members of District**

Everett, Wash., Zion, Chas. Warber  
Gresham, Ore., Zion, Henry C. Warber  
Payette, Ida., St. John  
Portland, Ore., St. John, Ed. A. Mayer  
Portland, Ore., St. Paul, E. Hergert  
Seattle, Wash., St. Paul, Aug. E. Binder  
Seattle, Wash., Broadview Evangelical, Aug. E. Binder  
Spokane, Wash., Trinity Evangelical, W. A. Werth  
Tacoma, Wash., Evang. Luth. Immanuel, Paul Jueling  
Walla Walla, Wash., Friedens, Paul Reichert.

The 22nd conference of the Pacific Northwest District opened with a service of worship on Thursday evening, May 16, 1935, at Trinity Church, Spokane, Wash., Rev. W. A. Werth, pastor. Rev. C. Hoffman preached the sermon on "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9: 6.) The official welcome was extended by Mr. A. H. Urbahn, president of the congregation, Rev. C. Warber, responding in fitting words of appreciation. The church auditorium, throughout the conference was beautified with floral decoration, and the members of Trinity choir rendered appropriate vocal music for the various services.

The conference was in session through Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday the delegates and guests joined Trinity congregation in the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of their church.

On Friday and Saturday mornings the sessions opened with a paper prepared by Rev. A. E. Binder, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Seattle. His theme was "Common Problems of Pulpit and Pew," and he dealt with a reinterpretation of the function of the church in our day, the necessity of a sensitized ethical conscience, and the perennial problem of personal relations. A lively discussion followed the presentation of the paper on both mornings.

Rev. A. E. Binder and Rev. Paul Jueling served as moderator and vice-moderator, respectively. The devotions throughout the sessions were led by Rev. Hy. Warber, Gresham, Ore. The following themes were fittingly developed: "The Sustaining Word of God," "The Divine Source for Effective Living," "Christ's Measure for Church Membership."

A memorial and communion service were held on Friday night, with Rev. P. Jueling preaching the memorial sermon, and Rev. P. Reichert and Rev. E. Mayer serving at the altar.



An interesting item on the program was the seminar on "Christianity and the World Today," led by Dr. O. Williamson, Dean of the Department of Education at Cheney State Normal College. Dr. Williamson presented an outline address in which he analyzed the present social situation and pointed to the churches and educational institutions of the country as instruments of God in bringing about a more just order of life.

At the Sunday morning anniversary service the following ministers, who had served the Trinity Church in Spokane at various times, participated: Rev. H. Warber, Rev. F. Opperman, and Rev. E. Horstman. Rev. E. Horstman, who now serves the Reformed Church in Salem, Ore., preached the anniversary sermon.

The good fellowship of the conference days was climaxed with an anniversary banquet held Sunday night in the basement of the church. The various ministers present participated in one way or another and the members of the Girls' Club served a delicious banquet meal. Representatives of the various organizations of the church briefly related the work of their organization. A very good time was had by all and a large number of members and friends were in attendance. One distinctive feature of the evening was the beautifully etched programs made by Miss Lydia Goss, high-school art teacher and active member of the congregation.

Delicious meals were served in the basement of the church by the good ladies of Trinity, to which the District expressed their hearty appreciation.

The election results are as follows: Vice-president, Rev. Paul Jueling; Secretary, Rev. E. Mayer; Treasurer, Mr. David Frank of Friends Church, Walla, Walla; Member-at-large, Mrs. McElroy of St. Paul's Church, Seattle. District committee on church union: Rev. C. Hoffman; Mr. J. Eberle of St. John Church, Portland; Mr. H. Hergert of St. Paul's Church, Portland. The District Women's Union officers are as follows: President, Mrs. W. Werth; Vice-President, Mrs. K. Hopp of St. John's Church, Portland; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. Michael of Tacoma, Wash.

## **Resolutions**

### **Resolutions on the Report of the District President**

The Pacific Northwest District endorses the sentiments of its president, as expressed in the preamble of his report, that all true progress for the human race depends on carrying the philosophy of the cross: gain by loss, into every-day thinking and living, and would suggest to every member of the district to ponder well and to manifest in life adherence to the principle exemplified by the Saviour of the world,

"Measure thy life by loss instead of gain;

Not by the wine drunk, but the wine poured fourth;

For love's strength standeth in life's sacrifice,

And he who suffers most hath most to give."

With deep regret the Pacific Northwest District takes cognizance of



the death of its first president, the Rev. F. H. Freund; assures the family of the departed of its sincere Christian sympathy in their bereavement; accepts gratefully the gift of love bequeathed it by the departed, and recognizes in this action the spirit of unselfish service which actuated him through all the years during which he was connected with the Kingdom work in the District, and instructs the district secretary to send a copy of this resolution to relatives.

The District commends to the Father of Mercies and the God of all comfort all those within our district and within the Evangelical and Reformed Church from whose hearts and homes loved ones have, in the wisdom of the Heavenly Father, been removed during the past year.

The District wishes Brother Ed. Horstman, who for some time has been serving Bethany Reformed Church, Salem, Ore., and Brother Henry Warber, who has accepted the call from Friedens Church, Bloomington, Ill., the Lord's richest blessings in their new fields of labor.

The District gratefully receives the invitation of Zion Church of Everett and St. Paul's Church of Seattle to hold the next district conference at their churches, but leaves the choice of time and place to the District Council.

The Pacific Northwest District is cognizant of the need of economy in the light of the present dire financial situation, but accordingly:

a) Laments the necessity of combining congregations under one pastor which cannot but affect the efficiency of the same, and of our total task.

b) Commends the fine sacrificial and co-operative spirit of those congregations and pastors who have had to enter into such arrangements;

c) Recognizes the prerogative of the Board of Home Missions in directing such measures to be effected, but requests that in the future, if any such steps must again be taken, that this be done only through the District Committee for Home Missions.

The District recognizes the value of a centralized authority in the direct administration of its Home Mission affairs, but holds that in the future such business must be handled in accordance with the provisions relative thereto in the synodical constitution and by-laws.

The District declares itself ready to co-operate as much as possible in the meeting of the religious needs of the people working and living in those communities connected with the erection of the Bonneville (Ore.) and Grand Coulee (Wash.) dams, but recognizes its limitations in this respect and accordingly commends this work to the care and interest of pastors and lay-men living in close proximity to these projects, together with counsel and advice of the constituted district authorities.

In view of the discovery of the need of carrying on that type of harbor mission work whereby a Christian ministry is carried directly to the crews of foreign ships touching Pudget Sound ports, we instruct our President to call the attention of the Washington and Idaho Council of Churches and Christian Education to this need, urging that some



type of work be established touching all foreign ships in which it will be definitely stated that our Evangelical Synod shall be willing to assume responsibility for providing such a ministry on German ships.

The District instructs its congregations that the contribution to the Contingent Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church is not optional but obligatory upon every congregation, and should be remitted promptly to the treasurer of the District and designated as contribution to that fund.

The District congratulates Trinity Church, Spokane, Wash., upon its 30th anniversary and wishes it Godspeed for increased Kingdom service in the coming days.

The District appreciates the fine hospitality accorded it by Trinity Church, the pastor's family and the organizations and individual membership of the church, and instructs its president to give expression of this appreciation at a convenient time.

The District gratefully recognizes the services rendered it by its presiding officer, the Rev. Charles Warber.

#### **Resolutions on Synodical Reports**

The District is convinced that the solution of our present difficulties cannot be offered in any infallible plan or program, but fully agrees with the President of the Synod that it is a matter of the church and a number of men who will take Jesus and his ethics of love seriously enough to make that love the principle that governs in the whole range of influence and action. It will be either Christ or chaos.

The District rejoices in the fact that the long planned merger, after years of negotiations, has been perfected and prays that through this union our work will become more efficient as regards the Master's commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

The District voices its sincere gratitude to our former President, Rev. Paul Press, who has carried on the work of our Synod so ably for a period of seven months.

The District wishes Godspeed and wisdom to that group of men to whom the difficult task of framing a new constitution is assigned and hopes that it will be so drafted that it will make the management of the synodical and district affairs and all other involved activities simple enough that the new church may be able to carry on the work of our Christ with larger results than before.

The District assures the new President, Rev. H. G. Klick, of its whole-hearted support, wishes him God's blessing and pledges its full co-operation.

The District realizes the seriousness of our present status in regard to synodical finances, deplores the fact that so many congregations, for no reason, have curtailed their contributions to the synodical budget and recommends that untiring efforts be made to ask them to return to the former basis of support.

The synodical officers as well as the district councils shall be urged to gather such investigation material as will give the underlying reason



of non-support and that such material shall be made known to the districts of our church, that justice may at least be given to such congregations which under the present circumstances *could* not have raised their budgets.

The District expresses its sincere sympathy to all who have been bereft of loved ones. May the pain of their bereavement be softened by the promises of God, who assures us hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

#### **Educational Institutions**

The District notes with pleasure that Eden Seminary is serving the community by means of lectures and convocations open to the public.

The District is glad to note that the merger of Central Seminary and Eden Seminary has been effected.

The District welcomes the Department of Field Work into the curriculum of the Seminary, as a needed emphasis.

The District congratulates the administration of Elmhurst College on having the institution recognized and accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

#### **Home Missions**

The District notes with thankfulness towards God that the labor of our missionaries was crowned with success and many members were added to the church.

The District congratulates our devoted Women's Union for their splendid financial support of our mission churches.

The District congratulates the Board for Home Missions and the Board for Foreign Missions for their publications of "Missionary Horizons" and "Missionary Trails" and also for the periodicals "Our Work" and the "Mission Sunday."

The District recommends an earnest and prayerful study of missions, especially the six-session institute, in order to regain a world-wide vision of the Kingdom work.

The District rejoices in the fact that in spite of great financial handicaps several mission churches could become self-supporting.

The District urges the wider distribution and study of the magazine, "The Outlook of Missions," which gives a very comprehensive view of the combined activities of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The District welcomes and encourages the new Home Missions Bulletin.

#### **Foreign Missions**

With the entire church at home and abroad, the District feels deeply the loss of this faithful servant of the Lord, Dr. Menzel, to the foreign mission field; but would say, bowing to the wisdom of the will of God: "He hath done all things well."

The District wishes to the successor of Dr. Paul Menzel, the Rev. F. A. Goetsch, the Lord's blessings in his responsible position.



The District would ask all its members to do the work of home missions faithfully, but not to leave the foreign mission work undone.

The District recognizes the work of Medical Missions as an important branch of Foreign Mission work, and even for this reason urges faithful support of Foreign Mission work. Contributions may be especially designated for this branch of mission activity.

#### Miscellaneous

The District looks forward with anticipation and hearty approval of the merging of the three English church papers into "The Messenger" and urges the rapid merging of other publications in the near future.

The District approves the discontinuance of the "Theological Magazine."

The District urges the discontinuance of the "Quiver," in the interest of economy, since the book reviews are made available through the *Evangelical Herald* and the professional magazines.

People who profess to be Christian should so live their Christianity in public and private life, that they may set an example of Christian living before all with whom they come in contact.

One answer to the question on how to build up the church is to give the young people what they need under competent, sympathetic leadership chosen by themselves, permit them to conduct their organizations and cooperate with them in every possible way.

*Edward A. Mayer*, District Secretary.

Approved:

*Chas. Warber*, President.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**37th CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT**

of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**

in session at  
**St. John's Evangelical Church, Powhatan Point, Ohio**  
*Rev. H. G. Schuessler, Minister*

**June 13-17, 1935**

*Conference Theme: "The Greater Task; a Challenge to our Membership"*  
*Motto: "Every Member, Kingdom-minded"*

The 37th Conference of the Pennsylvania District, convening in St. John's Evangelical Church, (Switzerland Township) Powhatan Point, Ohio, Rev. H. G. Schuessler, Minister, was opened with a Communion Service on Thursday evening, June 13, 1935, 8 P. M.

The minister of St. John's Church served at the altar. The chorus-choir of St. John's Church sang several appropriate anthems. Rev. Schuessler extended a hearty welcome to all conference guests. The District President, Rev. J. R. C. Haas responded to this with well-chosen words.

Rev. O. D. Hempelmann preached the Communion sermon and basing his remarks on three passages of Scripture—2 Sam. 23, 16; Mark 14, 3 and Matt. 26, 28—he presented the challenge which true fellowship with Christ inevitably brings, in a most forceful way. The number of those who communed was 103.

The opening business session of the Conference was called to order by President Haas at 9 o'clock, E. S. T., after Rev. L. F. Stueber had led in a brief devotional service.

After the call to order, roll call was had showing 14 ministers and 15 lay-delegates present.

Election of Moderator resulted in the selection of the District President, and O. D. Hemplemann, District Vice-President as the Vice-Moderator.

The District President, the Rev. J. R. C. Haas read his report from which the following excerpt is taken:



To the Pastors and Members of the Churches of the Pennsylvania District.

Eph. 5: 27. A glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

On the Day of Atonement when Aaron put his hand upon the head of the goat, bearing the sins of the people, the multitude of Israel must have breathed a sigh of relief. The blame for their sins was now being borne by someone or something else. Thus their Jewish religion taught them that with the laying of the sins upon the scapegoat and its running off into the wilderness, their sins were removed.

To this day there is a marked tendency of human society to find a scapegoat to bear the stigma of its shortcomings and misdoings. Our present human society is in a period of transition. There are many fluxes, waves, manias, epidemics of habit and thought and living which are foolish and sinful and something has to be found upon which the blame can be placed. Something must be made the scapegoat. Through all the centuries of the Christian era, the Church, which is the one force to save the world, the one power shedding light into the darkness, has been set upon and abused for the very ills it has tried to alleviate and cure. Christ and the Twelve, Stephen and Paul, were charged with "turning the world up side down" when they were doing their best to set it right side up. Today, after all the blunders of critics, statesmen, diplomats and the mighty machinery of our time, society turns about and blames the Church for the tragic collapse of its house of cards. Magazine experts, social scientists, versatile editors, soap-box orators and such draw up withering indictments against the general impotence and helplessness of the Church. Some preachers, reared in the Church, protected by her motherly care, suddenly discover that they are much more advanced than their mother and demand that the Church come up to their advanced position. They are vexed at the old-foginess of the Church and tell the world about it. That pleases the world. It lends color to the alibi of peace conferences, international commissions, national cabinets and congresses, that they had nothing to do with bringing on the chaotic conditions. It is evident, very evident, that the Church has failed.

But has the Church failed? He who talks about the failure of the Church or of the Christianity for which it stands, is, to say the least, a user of inexact English. Christianity never fails. The Church, in its narrow sense, has at times blundered and come short of the high ideals of its Founder, but by and large, in terms of time and influence, the Church has been the most successful of all human institutions. It is not Christianity that fails but we Christians. Every day thousands of Christians fail to fit their faith to their lives. Ignorance, inexperience, lack of thought, sudden trial or temptation and many other strains bring Christ's followers to failure and Christ's work suffers loss. If this were the failure of Christ's person and work, the whole world would be flung into moral panic. But Christ has not failed. His truth is still true and sure. Every attack made upon him has failed to give



the lie to the gospel. Crime waves, industrial disorder, political and civilian corruption do not make Christ's "Come unto me" or His "Follow Me" a mockery and delusion. If the Church or any branch of it, is not true to her Lord, she is headed for disaster. If any individual fails it is then when he does not follow Christ. Nothing fails that truly follows Jesus. War fails. Force fails. Greed fails. Hate fails. Selfishness fails. But Christianity does not fail. Indeed, Christianity is still waiting to be tried.

The Church is the visible body of Christ on earth. Its function concerns man's relation to the divine as the fountain of life. The essential principle of religion is belief in and a reverence for things not seen. Religion belongs to the mysteries. Paul says, "Great is the mystery of godliness." Christ speaks of the "Mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." There is a brazen irreverence that would tear down the veil of all mystery.

The Church is interested in the social welfare of men. Christian folk ought to be leaders in every movement for external social and political reform, for every bit of civic betterment, for everything that goes for the help of their fellows. But the primary purpose of Christ's coming was to reveal God to man, to proclaim the plan of salvation, as He Himself declared: "to seek and to save that which was lost." The Church stands for contact with God and the spiritual, supernatural element in the relationship between God and man. The Church's function is spiritual. As long as the Church follows Christ it cannot fail. Some organizations of it may be untrue and lose the presence of their Lord, but the great mighty body of believers need not fear failure if Christ be there, the Head, the Cornerstone.

We have our financial difficulties, our church problems, our adjustment worries, but in the essential business of our churches and of ourselves as Christian leaders, we have our task and the assurance of victory. Let us not fail our Lord in presenting the Church as a "glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

The program of the 37th Conference of the Pennsylvania District has been carefully planned. May its theme—"The Greater Task; A Challenge to our Membership"—be sounded in every message and its motto: "Every Member Kingdom-minded"—become our goal.

The President's report, together with the reports of all other district officers, committees and boards were given hearing and then referred to committees.

Following are some of the resolutions, submitted by various committees and passed by the conference:

### **Resolutions**

#### **Report of the District President**

1. The District shares the conviction expressed by its President that the Church of Christ, in the Scriptural sense, has never, and will



never fail, because its main objective is to reveal God to man and to proclaim the plan of salvation according to Jesus' own program.

2. Resolved, that the sum of \$500, loaned to the Synod by the District, be given, as a contribution to the Synodical Deficit Fund.

3. Resolved, that a District Committee on Christianity and Social Problems be appointed.

#### **Report of the General President**

1. The Pennsylvania District expresses its deep gratitude to the Rev. Paul Press for the splendid services rendered to the church in its critical time of transition and asks pastors and congregations to pledge their loyal support to the Rev. F. C. Klick in advancing the possibilities and solving the problems presenting themselves in our Union with the "Reformed Church in the U. S."

2. We reflect with deep sorrow on the loss of the many co-workers during the past year: those who held positions of special leadership, as well as the thousands from our congregational ranks and we shall devote a special period of this conference to pay them loving tribute.

#### **Report of the Executive Secretary**

1. We urge the publication of the Lenten booklet as heretofore.  
2. We recommend that our promotional endeavor be undergirded by specific educational projects such as:

- a. Graded lessons on stewardship for the children's division.
- b. Discussion outlines for young people's groups.
- c. Elective courses for adult groups.
- d. Stewardship plays and pageants for special days.

3. We endorse the creation of a new committee of at least three members, known as the Kingdom Service Committee, whose function it will be to correlate and promote the work of the Every Member Canvass.

4. We deplore the fact of the ever increasing deficit of our Church and feel that the only way to relieve this condition is through a greater interest and loyalty on the part of all individual members and pastors.

5. We recommend the establishment of a denominational stewardship board.

#### **Report of the District Budget and Promotion Committee**

We congratulate the three churches which have met their budget quota in full and insist that the remaining churches make a more strenuous effort to contribute their budget quota in full, especially those that have not contributed anything.

#### **Report of the Board for Home Missions**

1. We note with gratitude the steady progress made in the Home Mission field, despite the curtailed financial support under which the Board has to carry on its work.

2. We agree with the Board that there is a need for a more basic missionary interest in the churches, for "we are in danger of losing a very vital phase of our Christian life when we no longer experience



that deep desire to win men for Christ, to share our Christ with others."

3. The District recommends the splendid literature published by the Home Mission Board, especially "Missionary Trails" and "Missionary Horizons" as text books for our church organizations.

4. We commend the Home Mission Board for its vision, as expressed in the spirit of co-operation with other denominations in the common problems of their field.

5. We congratulate our lone Mission Church, the First Evangelical Church of Mt. Troy, and its energetic pastor, The Rev. C. A. Ittel, for their noteworthy accomplishments for the past ten years.

#### **Report of Committee on Christianity and Social Problems**

1. The Pennsylvania District denounces as un-Christian and un-American the tendencies toward a paganism and fascism, which sets nation against nation, class against class and man against man, and deplores the pagan spirit that reduces man to a mere object of exploitation.

2. We condemn the complacent reliance on armaments of steel and gas and urge our nations to repentance and renewed reliance upon God to do what laws and political ingenuity have failed to do, for we believe that only the Spirit of God in the hearts and lives of men can bring about the social justice which all decent men in every walk of life desire.

#### **Report of Board for Dorseyville Home for Aged**

1. The District would welcome a merger of the Old People's Home of the Reformed Church at Greensville, Pennsylvania with the Evangelical Home for the Aged at Dorseyville.

2. The District welcomes the endeavor to organize a Women's Auxiliary among the Women's Organizations of the District.

#### **Report on Pension and Relief**

1. The Pennsylvania District appreciates such gifts to the Pension and Relief Fund as the exemplary refund of the Mrs. M. Mack to the relief treasury and that of Dr. D. Irion for special relief as well as the splendid gifts of the Women's Union of a cottage at Blue Springs and that of the Brotherhoods of West Missouri and that of Mrs. Emma Lienhardt of Bensenville, Illinois.

2. The District calls the attention of its members to the fact that the time for the purchase of years of service prior to 1910 in the Pension Fund expires on January 31, 1936.

#### **Report on Educational Institutions**

1. The Pennsylvania District rejoices in the courageous note sounded in the report of the President of Eden Seminary. The time has come when the servants of the Church must give themselves sacrificially rather than professionally if the Gospel of Christ is to make any inroads upon mankind.

2. The Pennsylvania District hails the introduction and inclusion of Field Work in the curriculum of our Seminary and looks forward to



an ever broadening of the scope of this type of training to the end that our future pastors may become thoroughly acquainted with the realities of life before engaging upon their ministries.

3. The Pennsylvania District wishes to commend the raising of the educational standards at both Eden and Elmhurst which shall place our educational institutions on a par with other first class schools in the country.

4. The Pennsylvania District is proud of the fact that Elmhurst College as a school of higher education is seriously concerned with the building of Christian character as it pertains to all phases of life. We heartily agree that the creating of a proper philosophy of life which will prepare the student for any exigency is the only and proper method through which the Christian Youth will build a new world. Every endeavor along this line should be whole-heartedly supported by the leadership and constituency of our Church.

#### **Historical Commission Report**

The District takes note of the important work of the Historical Commission and urges the continuance of its work with adequate financial support.

#### **Report of Board of Religious Education**

1. We desire to express our appreciation of the fine spirit of co-operation exhibited by representatives from both groups of Evangelical and Reformed Church, and the steps that are taken to merge all possible endeavors of both bodies to avoid overlapping and unnecessary expenditure of resources and energy.

2. We will strive for a more intelligent appreciation of the Finer Arts in Religious Education and their bearing on the program of worship. In connection with this program we recommend a wider use of the splendid materials made available by the Board of Religious Education through the Light Bearer and its recently acquired Art Library.

3. To our pastors we recommend a re-study of the correlation between work of the Sunday School and the program of confirmation classes. The two phases of our work should be more carefully planned to avoid overlapping.

4. In harmony with the general trend of our day we urge our churches to place more emphasis upon the home as a religious educational agency. There is a great need for parent-training classes and parent-teachers.

5. We urge our churches to co-operate more closely with other educational agencies of their respective communities, such as the public schools, newspapers, movies, playgrounds, boys' and girls' clubs, etc.

6. We urge more emphasis upon the training in stewardship and missions. We will always have to cope with decreasing budgets as long as our program of education does not measure up with our program of promotion.

7. We heartily approve the "Christian Youth Building a New World Movement" and recommend to our churches to give the Evangelical League its whole-hearted co-operation in the promotion of this



program among the youth groups of our denomination. We also urge the General Council of our Church to recognize the strategic importance of a strong League program and for adequate financial support of this phase of our denominational work.

#### **Report of Foreign Mission Board**

1. The Pennsylvania District notes with pleasure the splendid co-operation that was shown throughout the Synod in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Home Missions and the 50th anniversary of the Foreign Missions and rejoices that the year 1934 proved to be a year of spiritual progress.

2. We express our heartfelt sympathy at the loss through death of our beloved and esteemed Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. Paul A. Menzel and we hope that his wonderful example of love and devotion may be an inspiration to us all to carry on the work of the Master.

3. The Pennsylvania District also expresses its appreciation to the Board of Foreign Missions for its ability in furthering the larger Kingdom work in the face of difficulties and urges its members to become more Kingdom minded, so that through increased financial contributions this most worthy cause may be adequately furthered.

#### **Report of Laymen's Meeting**

1. The lay-members of this conference wish to express their desire to support the larger Kingdom work of the church to the best of their ability in their respective churches.

2. We, the lay-delegates of this conference desire to go on record as being in full accord with our Synodical President in his objection to the sale of beer and intoxicants or the operation of any games of chance as a means of financing any church activity.

#### **Report of Ministerial Meeting**

The Ministerium of the District recommends the reception of Mr. Emil Bassler into the ministry of the Evangelical Synod through the Pennsylvania District of the Evangelical Synod of N. A.

#### **Report of Special-Resolutions Committee**

1. With deep sorrow the Pennsylvania District takes note of the passing of the Rev. F. E. C. Haas, the venerable father of our district president, with sincerity of heart we assure the president and all his relatives of our Christian sympathy in their bereavement and commend them to the abiding comfort and love of our God and Father.

2. In view of the fact that a new constitution of the "Evangelical and Reformed Church" will be presented for consideration at the next district conference a committee of three shall be appointed to make a thorough study of said constitution and present its findings to the conference.

3. As the beautiful conference days in Switzerland Township end, the Pennsylvania District very gratefully acknowledges the overflowing hospitality of our hosts, St. John's Evangelical Church, the pastor and



his wife. We assure them of our heartfelt appreciation of all their kindnesses and parting say "it has been good to be here."

### **Election Results**

#### **DISTRICT COUNCIL**

District President, Rev. J. R. C. Haas; Vice-President, Rev. O. D. Hempelmann; Secretary, Rev. A. F. Schemmer; Treasurer, Mr. Henry Krieg; Member at large, Mr. Walter Kupsky.

#### **DISTRICT BOARDS**

Home Missions: Rev. O. W. Breuhaus and Mr. Ralph Schantz; Foreign Missions: Rev. Paul Benthin; Religious Education: Rev. L. F. Stueber and Mr. Archie Morrison; Board of Examiners: Rev. H. G. Schuessler; Pension Board: Rev. P. G. Schaeffer; Insurance Inspector: Rev. L. F. Stueber.

Upon the resignation of Rev. H. G. Schuessler from the Board of Religious Education, the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Rev. F. H. Willkens to that Board.

### **Special Services and Meetings**

In addition to the opening service in which Rev. O. D. Hempelmann delivered the sermon, the following are here noted:

Friday Evening—"The Inevitable Cross" with Dr. L. E. Bair, minister of First Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa.

Saturday Morning—"The Worship Program and the Spirit of Worship" with Rev. S. Snyder, minister of Trinity Lutheran, Wheeling, W. Va.

Saturday Afternoon—"In Memoriam" with Rev. W. A. Bomhard.

Saturday Evening—"Astronomy" with Dr. F. C. Jordan, Professor of University of Pittsburgh.

Sunday Morning—Bible School—"Stewardship" with Rev. E. Bassler. Worship Service—"The Greater Task Before Us" with Dr. Timothy Lehmann, President of Elmhurst College and Synodical Representative at this Conference.

Sunday Evening—"Working for a New Community" with Rev. F. H. Willkens.

Monday Morning—"Church Business Methods" with Mr. R. H. Rackett, of the Duplex Envelope Company of Richmond, Virginia. "The Conference Challenge" with Rev. O. W. Breuhaus.

### **Regional Roster of the Pennsylvania District**

#### **Pittsburgh Region**

*Rev. P. Stoerker, Chairman*

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

Dorseyville—Trinity—P. G. Schaeffer

Millvale—First Evangelical—Louis F. Stueber

†New Sewickley Tp.—\*St. John—H. N. Doerres

E. E. Pittsburgh—\*St. Peter—P. Stoerker



**N. S. Pittsburgh:**

- Mt. Troy—Chas. A. Ittel
- Pilgrim Evangelical—\*Harvey Cook
- \*St. Paul—O. D. Hempelmann
- St. Peter Ev. Luth.—F. H. Willkens
- †Sharpsburg—St. John—W. A. Bomhard
- †Springgarden—St. Peter—P. Benthin

**INSTITUTIONS**

Pittsburgh—Old Folk's Home—Sister Bena Fuchs, Matron

**Southern Region**

*Rev. A. F. Schemmer, Chairman*

**OHIO**

- †Benton Tp.—St. Paul—\*Emil H. Bassler
- Clarrington—Immanuel—\*Emil H. Bassler
- †Elk Tp.—Zion—C. Emigholz
- Hannibal—Zion—Hilmer Grunwald
- Lewisville—St. Peter—R. Johnson
- Lowell—St. John—O. W. Breuhaus
- Marietta—St. Paul—C. Emigholz
- †Miltonsburg—St. Peter—Robert Johnson
- †Morton—Salem—Hilmer Grunwald
- †Muskingum Tp.—\*First Evang.—O. W. Breuhaus
- †Salem Tp.—St. James—
- Steubenville—Zion—A. F. Schemmer
- †Summit Tp.—St. James—R. Johnson
- †Switzerland Tp.—St. John—Henry Schuessler
- †Warner—First Evangelical—O. W. Breuhaus
- †Watertown—\*St. John—O. W. Breuhaus
- Woodsfield—St. Paul—Henry Fox

**WEST VIRGINIA**

- †New Marthasville—Immanuel—Hilmer Grunwald
- Wheeling:
  - St. John—Wm. J. Hausmann
  - St. Paul—John R. C. Haas

**Officers and Boards of the Pennsylvania District**

*District Council*—President, Rev. J. R. C. Haas; Vice-President, Rev. O. D. Hempelmann; Secretary, Rev. A. F. Schemmer; Treasurer, Mr. Henry Krieg; Members at Large, Mr. L. E. Matz, Rev. W. J. Hausmann, Mrs. Walter Kupsky; Member to General Council, Mr. Ernest Lache.

*District Court*—Chairman, Rev. C. A. Ittel; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. H. G. Schuessler; Rev. Paul Benthin, Mr. John Wagner, Mr. Louis Heft. Terms expire in 1937.

*Home Mission Board*—Chairman, Rev. O. W. Breuhaus (1941); Secretary, Rev. P. Stoerker (1939); Rev. O. Hempelmann (1937), Mr. Ralph Schantz, (1941), Mr. W. Dannenberg, (1939), Mr. H. Feldner (1937).



*Foreign Mission Board*—Chairman, Rev. C. Emigholz (1941), Rev. Paul Benthin (1939), Mr. H. Hundt (1937).

*Religious Education*—Chairman, Rev. F. H. Willkens (1939); Secretary, Rev. L. F. Stueber (1941); Rev. C. Emigholz (1937), Miss M. Boeshaar (1939), Mr. A. Morrison (1941), Mr. Albert Schnell (1937).

*Examiners*—Chairman, Rev. O. W. Breuhaus (1937); Secretary, Rev. P. G. Schaeffer (1939); Rev. H. G. Schuessler (1941).

*Pension Board*—Chairman, Rev. Henry Fox (1939); Secretary, Rev. P. G. Schaeffer (1941); Rev. H. N. Doerres (1937).

*Insurance Inspector*—Rev. L. F. Stueber.

*Women's Union Committee*—Rev. W. A. Bomhard and Rev. L. F. Stueber.

*Men's Brotherhood Committee*—Rev. P. Stoerker and Rev. E. Bassler.

*Evangelical League Committee*—Rev. C. A. Ittel and Rev. H. Grunwald.

*Commission on Christianity and Social Problems*—Chairman, Rev. F. H. Willkens; Rev. E. H. Bassler and Rev. H. Fox.

*Constitution Committee*—Chairman, Rev. O. W. Breuhaus; Rev. W. J. Hausmann and Mr. H. A. Hundt.

J. R. C. Haas, President.

A. F. Schemmer, Secretary.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**46th CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**SOUTH ILLINOIS DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**

Held in  
**St. John Evangelical Church, Mascoutah, Illinois**  
Rev. A. W. Hoelscher, Pastor  
**April 29 to May 1, 1935**

**Introduction**

The 46th conference of the South Illinois District convened at St. John Evangelical Church, Mascoutah, Illinois, April 29th to May 1st. Rev. F. C. Klick, President of our Synod, delivered the sermon based on the sixteenth verse of the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to St. John. He brought to the conference the challenging question the Lord addressed to Simon Peter, "Lovest thou me?" and stressed the fact that love to the Christ is ever the first requisite of Christian discipleship. Rev. A. W. Hoelscher served at the altar. In this service the president of the entertaining congregation, Mr. H. F. Lill, extended a very cordial welcome to all the members of the conference and the Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft, president of the District, responded in a fitting manner.

The next morning the first conference session began with a solemn service of Holy Communion with the Rev. W. H. Hosto delivering the sermon (Matthew 9, 2) and the local pastor, the Rev. A. W. Hoelscher, serving at the altar. Following the service Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft was elected moderator and Rev. Aug. Warskow vice-moderator. The conference program as submitted by the District Council was adopted. The reports of the District officers and the District Boards were received and referred to the proper committees. In the evening service Dr. Herbert H. Wernecke of Eden Seminary delivered the sermon (Mt. 22, 35-37) and spoke on "A Christ-controlled Church Membership." The pastor E. J. Westerbeck served at the altar.

The sessions of the second conference day were opened with a devotion led by Rev. H. Kochheim, who spoke on the theme, "The Sustaining Work of God." In the evening service Rev. O. W. Heggemeier delivered a very impressive sermon (Acts 3, 6) on "The Task of the Church." The pastor A. H. Wegener served at the altar. At the close



of this service the President of our District, Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft, thanked the congregation, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hoelscher, and all who helped to make the conference days so pleasant. The members of the District Council and of the District Court were then installed by Rev. O. W. Heggemeier.

At the beginning of the third conference day a Memorial service was held. Rev. L. F. Kutz served at the altar and the Rev. R. Kofer preached a very edifying sermon on the text, Psalm 116, 15.

A number of distinguished guests were welcomed and given the privilege to address the conference. Among them were Dr. S. D. Press, President of Eden Seminary, Dr. Tim. Lehmann, President of Elmhurst College and the Rev. Paul Press, First Vice-President of our Synod. They delivered stimulating, timely and highly interesting addresses in the course of the conference.

### **List of Pastors**

Amacker, T., New Baden  
 Bassler, O., Highland  
 Baur, Theo., St. Louis (on furlough)  
 Beier, T. E., Breese  
 Benkendoerfer, Biddleborn  
 Berger, C., Stone Church  
 Brauchitsch, W., Marissa  
 Bredehoeft, H. J., Edwardsville  
 Brink, Gus, Hoyleton  
 Brink, Paul, Red Bud  
 Brummer, O., Woodriver  
 Dornenburg, K., Ridge Prairie  
 Dorullis, J., Darmstadt  
 Eigenrauch, E. R., St. Jacob  
 Eggen, F. (Em.), Alhambra  
 Fischer, F. W., Burksville  
 Friz, Gerh., Quincy  
 Friebe, K., Brighton  
 Hauff, Wm. E., Red Bud  
 Heggemeier, O., Alton  
 Heithaus, B. (Em.), Mascoutah  
 Held, Hy., Lebanon  
 Hempel, C. R., Belleville  
 Hille, O., Okawville  
 Hoelscher, A. W., Mascoutah  
 Hohman, George, Irvington  
 Hohman, R., Carlinville  
 Hosto, Arby, Pocahontas  
 Hosto, Herbert, Hecker  
 Hosto, Raymond, Valmeyer  
 Hosto, Roland, Okawville  
 Hosto, Wm. H., Smithton



Hotz, Emil T., Metropolis  
 Jaeger, E. R., E. St. Louis  
 Kalkbrenner, A., Moro  
 Kalkbrenner, F., New Hanover  
 Klemme, A. E., O'Fallon  
 Kluge, C. H., Nashville  
 Kniker, C. F., Ohlman  
 Koch, Elmer, Farina  
 Kochheim, H., Waterloo  
 Koenig, J. H., Fayetteville  
 Kofer, Robt., Alhambra  
 Krause, Reinh., Marion  
 Kuehn, A. E., Marine  
 Kugler, T., Lenzburg  
 Kuhlman, C., Collinsville  
 Kurz, L. F., Addieville  
 Kutz, L. C., Carlyle  
 Limper, A. E., Millstadt  
 Malkemus, L. F., Grantfork  
 Mauthe, J. H., Evansville  
 McNelly, Clyde, Dupo  
 Mensendiek, R. A., Quincy  
 Merzdorf, John, Trenton  
 Miche, C. E. (Em.), Highland  
 Mornhinweg, R., Troy  
 Mueller, K., Tower Hill  
 Mysch, C. A. (Em.), Quincy  
 Neumeister, A. (S.A.), E. St. Louis  
 Nienkamp, R., Fowler  
 Nollau, J. (Em.), Fowler  
 Paul, Firdel, St. Paul Edw.  
 Pessel, Otto, Belleville  
 Rahn, A. D. (Em.), Indiana  
 Rath, H. W., New Athens  
 Rauch, L., Plum Hill  
 Reh, E. (Em.), Centralia  
 Reiss, A. E., Quincy  
 Schlinkman, W. (Em.), Columbia  
 Schmiechen, R., Johannisburg  
 Schoppe, Paul, Nameoki  
 Schultz, P. (Em.), Waterloo  
 Schweitzer, E. (Em.), Marion  
 Sieveking, G., Maeystown  
 Todd, Leonard, Fieldon  
 Warskow, Aug., Centralia  
 Wegener, A. H., Staunton  
 Weltge, Wm. B., DuQuoin  
 Westerbeck, E. J., Columbia



Wilke, W. W., Pana  
Wintermeyer, H. H., Granite City  
Wittlinger, T., Floraville  
Yungschlaeger, A., Bible Grove  
Zimmermann, R., Freeburg.

**Commissioned Workers**

Hotz, F. H., Hoyleton  
Reichenbach, Mrs. Elsa, Columbia  
Schoppe, A. (Em.), Granite City

**List of Congregations and Delegates**

**Edwardsville Region**

Alhambra, Salem, Carl Hosto  
Alton, Evangelical, O. F. Schoeck  
Arcola, St. Paul  
Brighton, St. John  
Carlinville, St. Paul, Harry Lange  
Collinsville, St. John, John Sherman  
Caseyville, Friedens  
Near Dollville (Tower Hill P. O.)  
Edwardsville, Eden, John G. Klueter  
Near Edwardsville, St. Paul, Fred Kassing  
Fieldon, Christ, Dwight Stafford  
Garrett, Zion  
Grantfork, Evangelical, John S. Leef  
Granite City, St. John, H. H. Engelman  
Granite City, St. Peter, Hy. Bax  
Hamel, Immanuel, Ludwig Schuetz  
Highland, Evangelical, Louis Koch  
Hookdale, St. Peter, C. J. Bauer  
Jamestown, St. Paul, Hy. Foehner  
Jerseyville, Friedens  
Marine, Evangelical, John Kettler  
Moro, St. John, Herbert Meyer  
Ohlman, St. Paul, Simon Hildebrand  
Pana, St. John, Wm. Schloz  
St. Jacob, Evangelical  
Staunton, St. Paul, Herman Stille  
Troy, Friedens, Geo. Ottwein  
Wood River, St. John, Fred Obermiller

**Nashville Region**

Addieville, Zion, John Schmale  
Bible Grove, St. Paul, L. Nadler  
Biddleborn, Ev. Prot. Trinity  
Central City, Zion  
Centralia, St. Peter, Arnold Riechman  
DuBois, St. Mark, H. J. Bender  
Duquoin, First Ev.



Farina, St. John  
 Farina, Friedens, Ernst J. Storck  
 Fayetteville, Trinity  
 Hoyleton, Zion, Christ Wiese  
 Irvington, Friedens, Wm. Koelling  
 Johannsburg, St. John  
 Marion, Zion, Mrs. Ed. Lang  
 Marissa, Friedens, Phil. G. Knecht  
 Mascoutah, St. John, Alb. Stein  
 Metropolis, St. John, Hy. Moeller  
 Metropolis (Round Knob) Zion, Otto Reineking  
 Murphysboro, St. Peter  
 Nashville, St. Paul, Wm. Cohrs  
 New Athens, St. John, Theodore Feurer  
 Okawville, St. Peter, Edw. Kerkseick  
 Near Okawville, St. Paul, Hy. Schuetz  
 Pinckneyville, St. Paul, Louis Brandt  
 Plum Hill, St. John, Fritz Schwengels  
 Stone Church, St. Peter, Fred Runge

#### Waterloo Region

Bluff, St. John  
 Bluff Precinct, Salem  
 Belleville, Christ, Charles C. Horn  
 Belleville, St. Paul, John Arras  
 Breese, St. John, Ben Dorries  
 Burksville, St. Peter, Wm. Buschmann  
 Carlyle, Immanuel, Elmer Dorries  
 Columbia, St. Paul, Fred G. Rapp  
 Dupo, Christ, Omar Weisenborn  
 East St. Louis, Immanuel, Oscar A. Godt  
 Evansville, St. John  
 Floraville, St. Paul  
 Freeburg, St. Paul, Philip Lammert  
 Fults, St. John  
 Harrisonville, St. Paul  
 Hecker, Friedens  
 Lenzburg, St. Peter, Fred Schuster  
 Lebanon, St. Paul, Milton Schmitt  
 Maeystown, St. Peter, Louis Faus, Jr.  
 Millstadt, Zion, Hy. Boehmer  
 Near Millstadt, Concordia, Geo. C. Hankammer  
 Moredock, Ebenezer  
 New Baden, Zion, Bert Baird  
 New Design, Zion  
 New Hanover, Zoar, Wm. Meyer  
 O'Fallon, Evangelical, Grover Whiteside  
 Prairie du Long, Immanuel, Hy. Feurer  
 Prairie du Round, St. Mark



Red Bud, St. Peter, Isador Cowell  
 Ridge Prairie, St. John  
 Smithton, St. John, Peter Blank  
 Sugar Loaf, Zion  
 Summerfield, St. John  
 Trenton, St. John, Hermann Dittmer  
 Valmeyer, Evang., Wm. Schaefer  
 Waterloo, St. Paul, Richard Baxmeier

#### **Quincy Region**

Fowler, St. Paul, Edw. F. Wittler  
 Quincy, Salem, C. W. Simon  
 Quincy, St. Peter, W. E. Knopfmeier  
 Quincy, St. Paul, H. Edwin Hoener  
 Ursa, Zion

#### **Committees**

##### **Group A**

1. District President: A. E. Limper, Rev. C. H. Kluge, Rev. A. H. Wegener, Rev. H. Kochheim, Rev. L. F. Malkemus. Delegates: Alton, Centralia and E. St. Louis and Ohlman.
2. District Vice-President: Rev. H. W. Rath, E. R. Jaeger, E. J. Westerbeck. Delegates: Eden, Edwardsville, Alton, Belleville (St. Paul), Plumhill, and Carlyle, Waterloo.
3. District Treasurer: Rev. Roland Hosto, Rev. O. Brummer, Rev. Wm. Hauff. Delegates: Pana, Prairie du Long, Prairie du Round, Garrett, Arcola, and Breese.
4. District and Synodical Home Mission: R. Hohman, P. Brink, Arthur Reiss and O. Bassler. Delegates: Staunton, Columbia, Metropolis, Round Knob, Salem, Quincy.
5. Ministerial Pension and Relief: Rev. W. W. Wilke, George Hohman. Delegates: Grantfork, Evansville, Stone Church, Johannsburg, St. Peter, Quincy and Marissa.

##### **Group B**

6. Synodical President—Pastors: K. Mueller, G. Sieveking, O. Pessel, R. A. Mensendiek. Delegates: St. John, Granite City, Hoyleton, Irvington, Hamel, Carlinville and Trenton.
7. Educational Institutions—Pastors: O. W. Heggemeier, Gus. Brink, Martin Schroedel and F. W. Fischer. Delegates: St. Peter, Granite City, Marissa, Dupo, St. Paul, Quincy and Marine.
8. Eden Publishing House: Rev. A. E. Klemme, Reinh. Krause, Rev. Herb. Hosto, C. F. Kniker, R. Schmiechen and C. F. Berger. Delegates: Collinsville, Duquoin, Lenzburg and Alhambra.
9. Foreign Missions: T. Kugler, L. Rauch, O. Hille, T. Wittlinger. Delegates: Millstadt, Wood River, Farina and Nashville.

##### **Group C**

10. Religious Education—Pastors: Rev. Clyde McNelly, Henry Held, J. H. Mauthe, E. Koch, L. Todd, A. Yungschlaeger. Delegates: St. Jacob, Red Bud, Troy, Moro and Highland.



11. Brotherhood, Women's Union and League—Pastors: J. Merzdorf, F. Paul, Raymond Hosto, O. Brummer, G. Kalkbrenner. Delegates: Lebanon, Jamestown, Okawville (St. Peter), Belleville (Christ).
12. Special Resolutions—Pastors: Rev. C. Kuhlman, R. H. Mornhinweg, E. A. Eigenrauch. Delegates: St. Paul (Edwardsville), Tower Hill.

#### Group D

13. Examining Committee: H. H. Wintermeyer, R. Kofer, E. J. Westerbeck. Lay Representatives: Murphysboro and E. St. Louis (Geo. Sauter, O. Godt).
14. Credentials: A. Kalkbrenner, Wm. B. Weltge, T. Amacker. Delegates: Okawville, St. Paul, Fieldon, Du Bois.
15. Excuses: Wm. Brauchitsch, G. Fritz, J. H. Koenig. Delegates: Concordia (near Millstadt), Brighton.
16. Traveling Expense—Pastors: Rev. E. Hotz, Rev. E. Koch, Rev. L. Todd. Delegates: Mascoutah, Sugar Loaf, Valmeyer.
17. Nominations: H. W. Rath, R. Zimmermann, C. H. Kluge, A. E. Reiss, H. Kochheim, R. H. Mornhinweg, R. Hohman. Delegates: Granite City (St. Peter), Fieldon, Addieville, Fayetteville, Columbia, Millstadt and Fowler.
18. A—Election Committee: L. Kutz, T. E. Beier, E. Koch, Delegates: Ohlman, Okawville (St. Peter) and (St. Peter) Quincy.
- B—E. A. Eigenrauch, L. Todd, F. Kalkbrenner. Delegates (St. Paul) Belleville, Trenton, Grantfork.
- C—Arby Hosto, Herbert Hosto, N. Nienkamp. Delegates. Evansville, Nashville, Wood River.
19. Publicity—To Report to Newspapers: Rev. W. H. Hosto and Rev. J. H. Koenig.
20. Introduction of Guests: Rev. A. W. Hoelscher, Pastor of Local Church.
21. Correlations Committee: Rev. C. H. Kluge, Rev. K. Mueller and Rev. R. A. Mensendiek.
22. Laymen's Meeting: Val. Hirth, Chairman; Columbia, O'Fallon, Staunton.

#### Report of the District President for the Years 1934-1935

Esteemed brothers in the ministry and  
representatives of the congregations:

"I am the vine, ye are the branches." John 15.

This is and must ever be the secret of our Christian life: "I am the vine, ye are the branches, He that abideth in me will bear much fruit." Living in this vital communion with our Lord, we, not only point to ethical standards, not only encourage humanity to return to the Lord, but we live with the exalted Lord, who himself tells us: "Who-soever believed in Me, though he die, yet shall he live." Experiencing this new living communion, we can represent the Kingdom of God, stand up for it in the face of the present day difficulties and the economic



strain. As children of God by regeneration and conversion in Christ, we have something far in excellence of what the worldly-minded can have. A deep, constant and continuing faith in our Lord brings contentment and hope. We shall mediate on this and look to ourselves! Our Evangelical Church with its consecrated leaders, gave such an abundance of good; they were sincere believers in their Lord, held a living faith. We have come into that faith, we the sons and daughters have been pointed to Him; real instructors, Christian men and learned men, gave sacrificingly, so that we could not go astray. Then, brethren, this age demands that we, too, lead to Him, who is Life and Truth. Our whole religion and our life must be in vital communion with Christ. We shall be witnesses, living books and our witness shall be heard. He, is the vine, we are the branches. The district has in every detail done its work well; all churches and pastors will have given such a testimony.

#### **Status of District**

There has been just a slight change in the district since a year ago. New Douglas and Black Jack have no services. So the district really has ninety-nine congregations and affiliated churches. Eighty-seven congregations are affiliated with the synod. We have seventy-seven pastors, eight emeriti, three student pastors, three commissioned workers and one emeritus. There have been the following changes in the district since our last conference in 1934 held in O'Fallon, Illinois.

#### **Changes in District**

##### **WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

Rev. Fred Kalkbrenner from Eden Seminary to Zoar Church at New Hanover, Ill.

##### **FROM OTHER DISTRICT**

Rev. T. E. Beier from the Texas District to Breese, Ill.

##### **TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS**

July 1934: Rev. A. E. Engelbrecht from Breese to Wisconsin.

Aug. 1934: Rev. H. Muehleisen from Hamel to Wisconsin.

Aug. 1934: Rev. Thos. Clare, Belleville to North Illinois.

Sept. 1934: Armin T. Hosto from Concordia to Missouri.

Nov. 1934: Rev. G. Kutz from Garret to Indiana District.

#### **Installations**

Rev. O. Hille, June, 1934 in St. Paul Church, near Okawville by Rev. Roland Hosto.

Rev. F. Kalkbrenner, August 12, 1934 in Zoar, New Hanover by the undersigned.

Rev. T. E. Beier, November 4, 1934 in St. John, Breese, Illinois by the undersigned.

#### **On Furlough**

Rev. Theo. Baur, who was given a furlough two years ago is still a member of the District and will have until May, when he shall either come in for another extension or serve actively a congregation.



Rev. A. D. Rahn, who, because of ill health, moved to Indiana to recuperate, is still a member of the South Illinois District.

#### **In Memoriam**

Death again has summoned from this earthly life to a higher life many of workers of our churches, and the consolation remains ours, as Jesus says: "I live and ye shall live also." From our active circle Mrs. Hermina Kraeckler Rauch, wife of Rev. L. Rauch, after a lingering sickness was called home on February 23. Also the father of the pastor of this church, Mr. Hoelscher, was suddenly called from this life on February 9 and Mr. W. Kropp of Millstadt, a member of our Foreign Mission Committee, was called to his heavenly reward December 9, last year. We shall have a special memorial service for all departed on Thursday morning.

#### **Applications for Membership**

Applications for membership in the Synod will come to our attention. Rev. Firdel Paul, who has been serving St. Paul congregation, near Edwardsville, has been granted ordination, and desires affiliation with the Synod. He has attended Elmhurst and Eden. Also Rev. Fred Kalkbrenner, who is serving the congregation at New Hanover, a graduate of Elmhurst and Eden, wishes to become a member of the District and Synod.

The Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church at Belleville who have been granted the full rights to organize and begin work in a new section of that city, desire membership in the Synod.

#### **Student Pastors**

St. Peter, Murphysboro is being served by students from Eden Seminary. This congregation has been receiving help from the Mission Board. The students Wichman and Luthe are serving alternately. Summerfield is being served by Student Schroedel of Eden Seminary. Hookdale, too, is being served by students.

#### **Vacancies**

Hamel, Immanuel, is without a pastor. They have been fair to the two candidates that have been there, however, the men could not accept the call; they are now inviting others and will have elected by conference. Zion, Garret, near Arthur, Illinois, is vacant. They are seeking a pastor. Likewise Ursa and Fowler will again be wanting a new man since the present pastor leaves about May first. The St. John Congregation, Round Knob, is looking for a pastor.

#### **Festivities**

Several congregations of the district have observed special anniversaries. Salem, Quincy, with special services celebrated their 85th anniversary, during the month of April. In September St. John's Evangelical Church at Plumhill observed the 80th anniversary, September 30. St. Paul's at Belleville celebrated in a special service the 95th anniversary, and in October of last year the St. Paul Evangelical congregation observed the 60th anniversary of its founding. In November the



St. Paul Church at Columbia observed the 85th anniversary. These congregations are to be congratulated and all of them have the good wishes of the district for many more years of blessings in the Lord's work. During this year the Zion Church, Millstadt, will be privileged to celebrate the 100th anniversary. A new parish hall is being erected there in honor of the event.

#### **Ordinations**

Rev. Wm. Schweickhart, who had his home in the Orphans' Home at Hoyleton, at present still among the family there, was ordained in Zion Evangelical Church June 24, Hoyleton, Ill., by the pastor, Rev. G. Brink assisted by Rev. C. Kluge and Rev. A. Warskow.

Rev. Otto E. Baumann, graduate of Eden, was ordained in Friedens Church, Farina, Illinois, June 24, 1934, by Rev. O. Elbring, assisted by Rev. Koch and Rev. Yungschlaeger. Rev. Fred Kalkbrenner, son of Rev. A. Kalkbrenner and a graduate of Eden, was ordained July 1 by his father, assisted by the brothers Rev. Robert and Rev. Justus Kalkbrenner. Rev. Harold W. Hohman, graduate of Eden, was ordained July 1 in St. Paul, Nashville, by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Kluge, assisted by Rev. L. Hohman and Rev. J. Merzdorf. Rev. Firdel Paul, pastor St. Paul, near Edwardsville, Illinois, was ordained by the undersigned April 7, 1935, assisted by Rev. A. H. Wegener and Rev. Theo. Stoerker.

#### **Damage by Fire**

In August (16-17) the members of St. John's Church, Granite City, were saddened when a fire of unknown origin destroyed their edifice and house of worship to the extent that the ruins must needs be removed; they have decided to build a new structure.

Fire also destroyed the parsonage in New Hanover, Rev. Fred Kalkbrenner, pastor. They are at present building a new home for the pastor.

Also we are informed the parsonage in DuQuoin, Rev. Wm. B. Weltge, pastor, was destroyed by fire. They are busy making plans for a new building.

The district sympathizes with the congregations and the pastors and families in this material loss and hope that they will soon be ready to go forward in the work of the kingdom without any sad consequences.

#### **Regional Conferences**

were not held during the past year as wished by the officers of the Regions. Perhaps they will be more interesting the next year.

#### **Young People's Work**

The resolution of the last year passed by the Convention held in Collinsville reading: "We recommend that during the coming year a committee consisting of the District League Committee, convention officers and advisors of the District League, and Sunday School, a representative of the District Committee on Religious Education, and such other interested parties as may be deemed necessary, study the possibilities for more effective youth work in the district in the light of the



present day needs and developments, and that such committee bring in definite and conclusive recommendations to the 1935 district conference," was placed confidently into the hands of the district advisors of the Young People's Work. They shall have a report at the proper time. The District has always been interested in student pastors at the universities of Missouri and Illinois. Would it not seem logical and possibly right, if the district conventions would make as its object the sustaining and financing of this work? Money received from dues and offerings should really make possible such an arrangement. This is a matter that deserves our attention.

#### **Matters of Discipline**

Again we must remind the members of this conference that there are always some things brought to our attention that require a decision. Many times the officers could have it so much easier if a clear mind and logical reasoning would be employed, for so often we find when the problem is understood matters take regular course and differences are settled. Why bother with petty matters, why stir up and agitate trouble, why carry things around really private matters, why think that someone knows more about the thing than the one it is told to, why seek to lower our standards, if these things would not be there would be no trouble for the district council. We have tried to find the right solution of the problems before us, we have had to call on those in higher authority than we, sometimes, that is sufficient to see the matter closed. We trust that the future will reveal to all concerned, that faithfulness, loyalty and prayer, has brought a right solution and that new life, new hope and new enthusiasm will be found in the congregations.

#### **Our Host**

At the last regular conference Rev. A. W. Hoelscher and the St. John Congregation of Mascoutah renewed their invitation to hold this conference in their midst. We accepted the invitation gratefully and now we are making plans to be cordially entertained. We hope that the delegates will do all in their power to help and cooperate with the members of this church to make our stay here pleasant. Invitations for the next conferences are from Pinckneyville, St. Peter's, Okawville, and Salem, Quincy.

#### **Guests**

Rev. Paul Press, first vice-president of the Evangelical Synod will be our guest during the conference. He will be given the opportunity to speak to the conference at a special hour on the program. Also he will bring the opening service to the assembled group on Monday evening. Rev. Tim. Lehmann, D.D., also wrote early in the year that he would be a guest at our conference in the interest of promotional work. He has been placed on the program and will bring a message on the first day.

#### **In Conclusion**

Brethren I have served you for the past six years as president, and I must say that I enjoyed it. There is nothing an officer should like



better than to enjoy his work, such matters are of primary interest. Perhaps I have been there too long, perhaps others knew more about matters than the officers and I did, and we feel so sorry that such did not enlighten us; we could not consult with you either, because we did not know who you were; nevertheless we are comforted to know that we could only decide or reach decisions on evidence and facts at hand. So we are perfectly and agreeably contented that we have done the best we knew how. But let me remind you, brethren, that I am certainly grateful to all of the officers, who worked faithfully; I also appreciated the kind contributions toward the work by the chairmen of the various committees and auxiliary organizations. There have come to my attention the sincerity of many of our men and they were friends always. Let me again say: Thank you, to every one of the members of the organization. Let me continue by saying, that I too enjoyed working with the members of the district, I have tried to do my duty in every respect. Now should we have made a mistake, well you will overlook it and bear with us. We meant only the best. The district will elect a successor not only, but give the chosen one full support and stand by him and the official family at all times. Our sincerest thanks for your cooperation and asking for your pledge for the continued success of the Kingdom work and cause in South Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hugo J. Bredehoeft.*

#### **Committee No. 1—Resolutions on District President's Report**

The South Illinois District is in full accord with the statement of our esteemed president that only as we live in vital communion with our Lord "can we effectively represent the Kingdom of God and stand up for it in the face of present day difficulties and economic strain."

We cordially welcome into our fellowship those pastors and congregations who have come into our district since the last conference. We wish Godspeed to the brethren who have been transferred to other districts.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to all members of the district who during the past year have been bereaved of loved ones through death.

We rejoice with those congregations and pastors who have been privileged to celebrate anniversaries and other festive events during the past year and wish them God's abundant blessings for the future.

We congratulate the men who have been ordained to the holy ministry within the confines of our district and wish them a blessed ministry in the vineyard of the Lord.

We regret that a number of our congregations have suffered material loss by fire and commend them for their immediate action in replacing their destroyed property.

In view of the fact that Zion Evangelical Church of Millstadt is this year observing its centennial and is making extensive building improvements, we accept the invitation of that church to hold the 1936



conference in its midst and the invitation to hold the 1937 conference in Salem's, Quincy. We kindly request the other congregations who have extended invitations to the district to renew the same at the proper time.

The district is appreciative of the fine hospitality extended us by the St. John's Congregation of Mascoutah, the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hoelscher, the members of the congregation and the organizations, and requests the worthy president to give expression to our gratitude at the proper time.

We welcome the president of our Synod, the Rev. F. C. Klick, the first vice-president of the Synod, Rev. Paul Press, Dr. Timothy Lehmann of Elmhurst College, Dr. S. D. Press and Dr. H. H. Wernecke of Eden Seminary into our midst and thank them for their splendid contribution to the conference program.

The district wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the retiring president, the Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft, who so ably administered the affairs of the district for the past six years. We also acknowledge the fine work done by his co-workers in office.

Be it resolved that the district president and the secretary be granted an honorarium of \$200 and \$50 respectively for services rendered during the past two years.

We allow a gratification of \$10 to the janitor of the entertaining congregation.

### **Report of Vice-President**

To the Members of the South Illinois District.

Dear Friends:

Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft, President, Edwardsville, Ill.

Dear Brother President:

I take pleasure in submitting the report on the contributions our district made for greater Kingdom work during the year 1934. It reveals the encouraging fact that on the whole the district has made some improvement over the previous years, although a number of congregations, who were regularly in the "hundred percent" class have slipped.

It would be a real advancement in Kingdom giving, if the interest in giving toward the greater work would be so steady that it would continue without a break each month from January to December, and the monthly receipts for Kingdom purposes would flow regularly into the Synodical Treasury. It must be apparent to anyone that the work must suffer a great deal, when the inflow is irregular and unreliable. In view of the need, *regular* giving becomes a highly desirable virtue. We need to cultivate with all diligence.

Attention is called to a considerable increase in Designations. The gifts for Synodical Recovery no doubt account for that. Thirty congregation raised the sum of \$1,600.57 for that purpose. In addition the increase in budget contributions amounted to \$1,481.26. This would indicate that those congregations which did not participate in the



Synodical Recovery Campaign worked just a little harder to reach their budget quotas.

The special efforts on the part of Synodical Headquarters to inform our people at the close of the year, when they arranged for mass meetings at regional centers and appealed for loyal support, had good results. Well-planned efforts of this nature would be productive of even better results, if carried out from year to year. Information on the needs of our beloved church in all of its varied activities, presented in a warm, personal way, would do much to enlist and inspire enthusiastic, willing giving on the part of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

*Aug. F. Warskow.*

### Synodical Report

Place—Church	Quota	Budget	Pct.	Desig.	Incl. Syd'l Rec'y
Addieville, Zion .....	\$ 850.00	\$ 177.82	21	\$ 6.00	\$
Alhambra, Salem .....	750.00	398.86	53	25.00	25.00
Alton, Evangelical .....	1,690.00	1,700.00	100	177.00	125.00
Arcola, St. Paul .....	100.00	36.65	37	—	—
Belleville, Christ .....	1,200.00	100.00	8	—	—
Belleville, St. Paul .....	1,200.00	650.00	54	50.00	43.00
Bible Grove, St. Paul....	100.00	99.12	99	—	—
Biddleborn, Trinity ....	100.00	50.75	51	5.00	5.00
Blackjack, St. John ....	100.00	—	—	—	—
Bluff, St. John .....	50.00	—	—	—	—
Bluff Pre., Salem .....	120.00	7.55	6	—	—
Breese, St. John .....	650.00	163.23	25	—	—
Brighton, St. John .....	375.00	233.52	62	53.03	48.03
Burksville, St. Peter ...	100.00	15.84	16	1.82	—
Carlinville, St. Paul ....	1,000.00	421.88	42	210.00	193.00
Carlyle, Immanuel .....	250.00	60.00	24	—	—
Caseyville, Friedens ....	25.00	12.30	49	—	—
Central City, Zion .....	100.00	5.00	5	—	—
Centralia, St. Peter ....	700.00	302.00	43	5.00	—
Collinsville, St. John ...	750.00	329.04	44	65.00	25.00
Columbia, St. Paul .....	1,350.00	1,000.00	74	10.00	—
Darmstadt, Holy Ghost..	300.00	25.00	8	—	—
DuBois, St. Mark .....	100.00	31.97	32	—	—
Dupo, Christ .....	200.00	62.77	31	15.00	5.00
DuQuoin, First .....	450.00	362.67	81	—	—
E. Fork Twp., St. John..	—	—	—	—	—
E. St. Louis, Immanuel..	1,500.00	1,250.00	83	8.00	—
Edwardsville, Eden ....	1,600.00	1,082.89	68	15.00	—
N. Edwardsville, St. Paul	150.00	124.53	83	27.80	24.00
Evansville, St. John ....	150.00	80.00	53	10.00	—
Farina, Friedens .....	100.00	25.00	25	—	—
N. Farina, St. John ....	75.00	22.03	29	—	—
Fayetteville, Trinity ....	100.00	100.00	100	3.00	—
Fieldon, Christ .....	150.00	150.00	100	6.25	6.25



Place—Church	Quota	Budget	Pct.	Desig.	Incl. Syd'l Rec'y
Floraville, St. Paul .....	100.00	18.85	19	—	—
Fowler, St. Paul .....	125.00	103.71	83	18.25	17.25
Freeburg, St. Paul .....	500.00	270.12	54	81.35	36.35
Fults, St. John .....	150.00	8.67	6	—	—
Garret, Zion .....	400.00	256.50	64	—	—
Grantfork, Evangelical..	125.00	50.00	40	—	—
Granite City, St. John...	1,000.00	516.22	52	5.00	—
Granite City, St. Peter..	650.00	360.00	55	5.00	—
Hamel, Immanuel .....	150.00	17.10	12	—	—
Harrisonville, St. Paul..	100.00	—	—	—	—
Hecker, Friedens .....	150.00	17.25	12	—	—
Highland, Evangelical ..	600.00	600.00	100	115.00	100.00
Hookdale, St. Peter ....	100.00	—	—	—	—
Hoyleton, Zion .....	650.00	414.48	64	—	—
Irvington, Friedens ....	150.00	100.00	67	161.00	161.00
Jamestown, St. Paul ....	50.00	8.87	18	7.00	7.00
Jerseyville, Friedens ...	100.00	—	—	—	—
Johannisburg, St. John..	125.00	48.75	39	28.25	28.25
Lake Creek, St. Paul ...	40.00	—	—	—	—
Lebanon, St. Paul .....	400.00	137.50	34	—	—
Lenzburg, St. Peter ....	240.00	78.87	33	—	—
Maeystown, St. John ....	600.00	170.87	28	25.00	25.00
Marine, Evangelical ....	500.00	425.97	85	5.00	—
Marion, Zion .....	200.00	200.00	100	12.50	—
Marissa, Friedens .....	450.00	419.95	93	36.70	—
Mascoutah, St. John ...	800.00	530.00	66	7.00	—
Metropolis, St. John ....	150.00	100.56	66	—	—
Millstadt, Zion .....	1,000.00	600.32	60	10.00	—
N. Millstadt, Concordia..	125.00	32.15	25	—	—
Moredock, Ebenezer ....	75.00	—	—	—	—
Moro, St. John .....	150.00	52.13	35	—	—
Murphysboro, St. Peter..	150.00	64.25	43	—	—
Nashville, St. Paul .....	800.00	800.00	100	20.00	10.00
New Athens, St. John...	800.00	400.00	50	100.00	100.00
New Baden, Zion .....	350.00	180.00	51	—	—
New Design, Zion .....	150.00	4.15	3	—	—
New Hanover, Zoar ....	300.00	46.54	—	—	—
O'Fallon, Evangelical ..	550.00	550.00	100	153.95	90.55
Ohlman, St. Paul .....	250.00	81.05	32	46.20	40.00
Okawville, St. Peter ....	450.00	195.70	43	46.75	46.75
N. Okawville, St. Paul ..	200.00	78.62	39	—	—
Pana, St. John .....	350.00	251.26	72	—	—
Pinckneyville, St. Paul..	400.00	400.00	100	66.63	66.63
Plumhill, St. John .....	400.00	153.39	38	—	—
Prairie duLong, Iml....	50.00	4.73	9	—	—
Prairie duRound, St. Mk.	50.00	25.00	50	—	—



Place—Church	Quota	Budget	Pct.	Desig.	Incl. Syd'l Rec'y
Quincy, St. Paul .....	650.00	463.72	71	126.36	115.50
Quincy, St. Peter .....	500.00	153.20	31	23.50	11.50
Quincy, Salem .....	1,800.00	1,332.06	74	79.10	50.00
Redbud, St. Peter .....	700.00	300.00	43	10.00	5.00
Ridge Prairie, St. John..	150.00	—	—	31.00	—
Round Knob, Zion .....	150.00	41.25	27	—	—
St. Jacob, Evangelical...	350.00	121.04	35	30.00	—
Smithton, St. John .....	300.00	35.67	12	10.26	7.26
Staunton, St. Paul .....	600.00	317.92	53	123.25	118.25
Stone Church, St. Peter..	200.00	101.15	51	—	—
Sugarloaf, Zion .....	75.00	—	—	—	—
Tower Hill, St. Paul ....	225.00	225.00	100	1.54	—
Trenton, St. John .....	350.00	300.00	86	10.00	—
Troy, Friedens .....	300.00	200.00	67	38.00	38.00
Ursa, Zion .....	125.00	100.00	80	—	—
Valmeyer, Evangelical ..	300.00	34.60	11	20.00	—
Waterloo, St. Paul .....	1,650.00	1,200.00	73	.25	—
Wood River, St. John...	200.00	25.00	13	—	—
Special .....	—	—	—	251.00	—
		\$22,804.56		\$2,397.74	\$1,600.57

#### Committee No. 2—Resolutions on District Vice-President's Report

Realizing the great financial need of the Synod and recognizing the deplorable conditions in many churches due to the economic depression, the South Illinois District urges all its members to put forth every effort to meet their budgets and if possible to forward to the Treasurer of the Synod monthly all such funds given for this purpose. We ask all pastors and officers to exert their influence in bringing about this end.

The South Illinois District is happy to note that many congregations have raised their budgets or come near to reaching the goal, and hopes that their fine example will be an incentive to others to do likewise.

The South Illinois District notes with satisfaction the good results coming from regional meetings to consider matters of Kingdom advancement and support. Therefore, we heartily endorse the Synodical plan to continue such meetings this year and urge all congregations to take full part in such meetings.

#### Report of District Treasurer

To the Pastors, Laymen and Officers of the  
South Illinois District, Evangelical Synod of N. A.

Feb. 1

#### \* Receipts

Balance on Hand .....	\$1,336.05
Refund Conference .....	\$ 2.90
Evangelical, Darmstadt .....	6.25



Evangelical, Highland .....	20.00
March 5	
St. Paul, Nashville .....	25.00
Immanuel, Hamel .....	10.00
Evangelical, Grant Fork .....	5.00
St. John, Maeystown .....	15.00
Trinity, Fayetteville .....	5.00
St. Paul, Jamestown .....	5.00
St. Paul, Carlinville .....	25.00
St. John, Pana .....	15.00
Salem, Alhambra .....	25.00
St. Paul, Tower Hill .....	9.25
St. John, Collinsville .....	20.00
St. Paul, Arcola .....	5.00
St. Paul, Columbia .....	40.00
St. Paul, Waterloo .....	40.00
Evangelical, Alton .....	25.00
St. John, Plum Hill .....	11.60
St. John, Trenton .....	10.00
Zion, New Baden .....	15.00
St. John, New Athens .....	25.00
St. Peter, Granite City .....	15.00
St. Peter, Okawville .....	12.00
St. Peter, Stone Church .....	10.00
Christ, Dupo .....	10.00
Zion, Marion .....	10.00
St. Paul, Ohlman .....	10.00
Zion, Addieville .....	25.00
Zion, Garrett .....	15.00
Concordia, near Millstadt .....	6.00
Refund, Conference .....	5.60
April 11	
Evangelical, Marine .....	20.00
Evangelical, Marissa .....	15.00
Eden, Edwardsville .....	40.00
St. John, Granite City .....	30.00
June 19	
Salem, Bluff Precinct .....	14.00
St. John, Johannsburg .....	2.55
July 11	
St. John, Metropolis .....	5.00
Friedens, Caseyville .....	5.00
St. John, Evansville .....	5.00
Cordes .....	5.00
St. Peter, Lenzburg .....	8.00
Aug. 6	
St. John, Breese .....	25.00



Aug. 7		
	St. Paul's, Floraville .....	5.00
	Evangelical, O'Fallon .....	15.00
	Evangelical, Fieldon, (1933-1934) .....	20.00
Aug. 25		
	Zion, Ursa .....	5.00
	Evangelical, Troy .....	10.00
Aug. 27		
	St. Paul, Staunton .....	15.00
	St. Peter, Centralia .....	20.00
Aug. 30		
	St. John, Wood River .....	10.00
Sept. 8		
	St. Paul, N. Edwardsville .....	8.00
Sept. 9		
	Refund Rev. W. W. Wilke .....	153.25
Sept. 14		
	St. Paul, Bible Grove .....	5.00
Nov. 17		
	St. Paul, Pinckneyville .....	15.00
Nov. 23		
	Salem, Quincy .....	45.00
Nov. 28		
	Friedens, Irvington .....	8.00
Dec. 7		
	St. John, Mascoutah .....	25.00
Jan. 7		
	Immanuel, Carlyle, (1933-1934) .....	20.00
Jan. 10		
	St. John, Collinsville .....	20.00
	St. John, Valmeyer .....	10.00
	St. Paul, Waterloo .....	40.00
Jan. 12		
	St. John, Brighton .....	10.00
	St. John, Smithton .....	5.00
	Trinity, Biddleborn .....	5.00
Jan. 16		
	Immanuel, E. St. Louis .....	40.00
	St. Jacob, Evangelical .....	15.00
	Zion Evangelical, Millstadt .....	25.00
	Friedens, Hecker .....	5.00
	Zion, Round Knob .....	10.00
	St. Paul, Quincy .....	10.00
	St. Peter, Quincy .....	12.00
	St. Mark, Red Bud R. R. ....	5.00



St. Peter, Red Bud .....	20.00	
Evangelical, Hookdale .....	10.00	
1st Evangelical, DuQuoin .....	20.00	
		<u>\$1,309.40</u>
		<u>\$2,645.45</u>

	Expenses	Check No.	
	O. Bauer, Breese — Bd. Exp. ....	24	\$ 3.00
	Rev. Warskow, Per Diem .....	25	6.80
	F. J. Oswald, Per Diem .....	26	.56
	Rev. P. Schoppe, Per Diem .....	27	1.80
May 2			
	Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft, Office Exp. ....	27	18.25
	Edgar Keller, Janitor, O'Fallon .....	29	5.00
May 5			
	G. W. Grossart Sons Floral, Dr. Locker ..	30	10.00
May 17			
	Rev. O. P. Schroeluke, Student Fund .....	31	50.00
June 9			
	Rev. Paul Press, Evang. Ref. Conf. ....	32	500.00
	Val. Hirth, Misc. Exp. ....	33	7.55
Sept. 24			
	Rev. Bredehoeft, Stamp L. Dist. ....	34	4.05
Sept. 25			
	Rev. Warskow, Per Diem .....	35	3.00
	Rev. Schoppe, Per Diem .....	36	1.00
	Rev. Bredehoeft, Bd. Dinners .....	37	2.00
	Val. Hirth, Per Diem .....	38	1.50
	Val. Hirth, 3c Env. ....	39	14.75
Oct. 25			
	Home Missions .....	40	75.00
Oct. 31			
	Rev. O. P. Schroerluke, St. Pastor .....	41	25.00
Dec. 4			
	Rev. Schoppe, Per Diem .....	42	1.00
	Rev. Warskow, Per Diem .....	43	3.00
	F. J. Oswald, Per Diem .....	44	.56
	C. Schickendanz, Per Diem .....	45	4.00
	Rev. Bredehoeft, 6 Dinners .....	46	3.00
Dec. 21			
	Evang. Synod Bal. Cont. Fund .....	47	18.41
	Val. Hirth, Per Diem .....	48	1.50
Jan. 24			
	Gen'l Council Statistics 1933 .....	49	46.00



Feb. 2	Check	
Feb. 22	No.	
W. Blassman, Dinners Centralia .....	50	3.00
Rev. Brink, Per Diem .....	51	3.00
Rev. Schoppe, Per Diem .....	52	1.00
F. J. Oswald, Per Diem .....	53	.60
Rev. Bredehoeft, Per Diem .....	54	3.00
Val. Hirth, 10 Receipt Books .....	55	7.25
April 5		
Check Tax .....		.50
		<hr/> \$ 825.08
Balance on Hand .....		1,820.37
		<hr/> \$2,645.45

### 1934 District Dues Collected

Name	Quota	Paid
Addieville, Zion .....	\$25.00	\$ 25.00
Alhambra, Salem .....	25.00	25.00
Alton, Evangelical .....	40.00	25.00
Arcola, St. Paul .....	5.00	5.00
Belleville, St. Paul .....	40.00	
Belleville, Christ .....	40.00	
Bible Grove, St. Paul .....	5.00	5.00
Biddleborn, Ev. Prot. ....	5.00	5.00
Blackjack, St. John .....	5.00	
Bluff, St. John .....	6.00	
Bluff Precinct, Salem .....	6.00	14.00
Breese, St. John .....	25.00	25.00
Brighton, St. John .....	10.00	10.00
Burksville, St. Peter .....	5.00	
Carlinville, St. Paul .....	25.00	25.00
Carlyle, Immanuel .....	10.00	33—34 20.00
Caseyville, Friedens .....	5.00	5.00
Central City, Zion .....	7.00	
Centralia, St. Peters .....	20.00	20.00
Collinsville, St. John .....	20.00	33—34 40.00
Cordes, St. John .....	5.00	5.00
Columbia, St. Paul .....	40.00	40.00
Darmstadt, Holy Ghost .....	10.00	6.25
Dupo, Christ .....	10.00	10.00
DuBois, St. Mark .....	5.00	
DuQuoin, 1st Evang. ....	15.00	20.00
E. St. Louis, Immanuel .....	40.00	40.00
Edwardsville, Eden .....	40.00	40.00
Edwardsville, St. Paul .....	8.00	8.00
Evansville, St. John .....	5.00	5.00
East Fork .....	3.00	



Name	Quota	Paid
Farina, Friedens .....	5.00	
Farina, St. John .....	5.00	
Fayetteville, Trinity .....	5.00	5.00
Fieldon, Evang. ....	10.00	33—34 20.00
Floraville, St. Paul .....	5.00	5.00
Fowler, St. Paul .....	10.00	
Freeburg, St. Paul .....	15.00	
Fults, St. John .....	10.00	
Garret, Zion .....	15.00	15.00
Granite City, St. Peter .....	15.00	15.00
Granite City, St. John .....	30.00	30.00
Grant Fork, Ger. Prot. ....	5.00	5.00
Hamel, Immanuel .....	10.00	10.00
Harrisonville, St. Peter .....	10.00	
Hecker, Friedens .....	5.00	5.00
Highland, Evang. ....	20.00	20.00
Hookdale, St. Peter .....	5.00	33—34 10.00
Hoyleton, Zion .....	20.00	
Irvington, Friedens .....	8.00	8.00
Jamestown, St. Paul's .....	5.00	5.00
Jerseyville, Friedens .....	5.00	
Johannisburg, St. John .....	5.00	2.55
Lake Creek, St. Paul .....	5.00	
Lebanon, St. Paul .....	15.00	
Lenzburg, St. Peter .....	8.00	8.00
Maeystown, St. John .....	20.00	15.00
Marine, Evang. ....	20.00	20.00
Marion, Zion .....	10.00	10.00
Marissa, Friedens .....	15.00	15.00
Mascontah, St. John .....	25.00	25.00
Mattoon, Zion .....	5.00	
Metropolis, St. John .....	5.00	5.00
Metropolis, Zion Round Knob .....	8.00	33—34 10.00
Millstadt, Zion Evang. ....	25.00	25.00
Millstadt, Concordia .....	6.00	6.00
Moredock, Ebenezer .....	5.00	
Moro, St. John .....	8.00	
Murphysboro, St. Peter .....	8.00	
Nashville, St. Paul .....	25.00	25.00
New Athens, St. John .....	25.00	25.00
New Baden, Zion .....	15.00	15.00
New Design, Zion .....	5.00	
New Douglas, New Salem .....	5.00	
New Hanover, Zion .....	10.00	
O'Fallon, Evang. ....	15.00	15.00
Ohlman, St. Paul .....	10.00	10.00
Okawville, St. Paul .....	10.00	



Name	Quota	Paid
Okawville, St. Peter .....	12.00 33—	12.00
Pana, St. John .....	15.00	15.00
Pinckneyville, St. Paul .....	15.00	15.00
Plum Hill, St. John .....	15.00	11.60
Prairie DuLong, St. Marcus .....	5.00	5.00
Prairie DuRound, Immanuel .....	5.00	
Quincy, St. Paul .....	20.00	10.00
Quincy, St. Peter .....	20.00	12.00
Quincy, Salem .....	45.00	45.00
Red Bud, St. Peter .....	20.00	20.00
Ridge Prairie, St. John .....	10.00	
Smithton, St. John .....	20.00	20.00
St. Jacob, Evang. ....	15.00	15.00
Staunton, St. Paul .....	15.00	15.00
Stone Church, St. Peter .....	10.00	10.00
Sugar Loaf, Zion .....	5.00	
Summerfield, St. Paul .....	10.00	
Tower Hill, St. Paul .....	10.00	9.25
Trenton, St. John .....	10.00	10.00
Troy, Friedens .....	10.00	10.00
Ursa, Zion .....	10.00	5.00
Valmeyer, St. John Evang. ....	15.00	10.00
Waterloo, St. Paul .....	40.00 33—34	80.00
Wood River, Evang. ....	10.00	10.00
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		\$1,147.65

### Report of the District Inspector—Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association

To Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft, President of the South Illinois District.

Dear Sir:

The annual report covers the business year of 1934.

On January 1, 1934 the district carried \$918,700.00 insurance in 119-Class "A" and \$101,205.00 in Class "B" policies, a total of \$1,019,905.00. In 1934, eleven policies in Class "A" were issued with \$119,350.00, and eight policies in Class "B" with \$12,675.00. A total of nineteen policies of \$132,025.00.

#### Losses Paid:

Entrance fee .....	\$ 69.85
Assessments .....	2,118.10

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\$2,187.95

St. John's Evangelical, Granite City — fire .....	\$4,895.14
First Evangelical, DuQuoin, Ill. — lightning .....	99.65

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Kniker, Inspector.



**Committee No. 3—Resolutions on Report of District Treasurer and  
Inspector Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association**

The committee has audited the accounts of the treasurer, Mr. Val. Hirth and found the same correct.

We thank the District Treasurer for his successful efforts in collecting the District dues and the congregations for their hearty response in meeting their obligations toward the District.

We find the report of the District Fire and Storm Insurance Inspector correct and thank Rev. C. F. Kniker for his continued interest and efforts.

**Report of the South Illinois Home Mission Committee**

February 1, 1935.

To the South Illinois District Conference:

During the past year this committee has deemed it advisable to hold only two meetings in order to keep down the expense of administration and has relegated supervision of the churches under its jurisdiction to members of the committee living in the immediate vicinity. This has enabled the committee to remain informed as to respective needs as they arose.

1. Dupon, Bro. Clyde McNelly, Pastor. This field continues to show progress of a forward-looking nature. A continuance of your committee's hands-off policy should reward the hope that the Synod will not have to support the work here many years longer. According to the advice at hand at the time of the filing of this report an effort was being made by the congregation to raise \$1750, which together with \$5000 available from the Extension Board would enable them to liquidate their indebtedness of \$9000 with the bank, and have their entire debt at a much lower rate of interest. By this very act their debt will be reduced \$2250. This is a movement toward financial security and augurs well for the future welfare of the congregation. The Central Board has appropriated \$280 for the support of this field during the present year.

2. Fieldon, Bro. Leonard Todd, Pastor. Just to indicate how energetic is the worker there, suffice it to say that he made 192 pastoral calls and 151 sick calls during the year. If this means anything we can hope for steady and definite improvement. There are only 16 contributing families, hence it is quite natural enough that church finances rely upon their annual church picnic, which this year yielded \$378, this out of a total of \$678.07 for church support. We believe it would be an encouragement to the worker to see a proportionately larger part of this borne by the members through outright giving. There is nothing so inducive to real growth as sacrificial giving.

3. Jerseyville, Bro. L. Todd, Pastor. Work is being carried on here solely on the fear of giving it up and losing what we have involved. Circumstances here date back for years and it would be impossible to deduce what motives are at work. The worker has made



70 pastoral calls and 60 sick calls during the year. There are still 20 members who own some loyalty to the cause.

For both of these fields the Central Board has appropriated \$975 for the present year.

4. Murphysboro, Bro. Martin P. Schroedel, Pastor. Changes in pastorate have hardly helped nor hindered the work of carrying on. Economic conditions remain unchanged, hence the continuance of the present arrangement. The perseverance of the congregation is commendable. A genuine love for their church has made continued support necessary, but it has grown steadily more difficult to serve this field with neighboring pastors. Beginning February 1st, 1935, arrangements have been made with Eden Seminary whereby student supply will meet the needs. For this work the Central Board has appropriated \$240 for the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

*R A. Mensendiek, Chairman.*

#### **Committee No. 4—Resolutions on Report of Synodical Home Missions**

The South Illinois District receives with satisfaction the report of the district board concerning the fine progress at Fieldon and Dupo, Illinois, under the able leadership of their respective Pastors, L. Todd and C. McNelly.

Your Committee recommends that the Home Mission Board continue a Student Supply for Murphysboro until such time when better arrangements can be made.

The South Illinois District is in hearty agreement with the commendation conferred by the Synodical Home Mission Board upon the many deserving Home Mission Workers of our Church.

The South Illinois District commends the hearty cooperation of the Reformed and Evangelical Mission Boards, and notes with interest the merger of Reformed and Evangelical Mission Churches, in over-churched district.

The District notes the fine example set by the Women's Union in their liberal designations for the Home Mission Projects.

The District favors the joint Missionary educational program of the Evangelical and Reformed Boards and awaits with interest the publications of the new Mission Study Text Book.

#### **Report of the District Pension Committee**

To Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft, President of the South Illinois District:

The Board of Pensions of the District submits the following report for 1934:

There were 23 individuals, widows and pastors, on the Pension List of our District in 1934. Twelve of this number were also entitled to and received relief besides their pension. One person received relief only. Another has been transferred to another District.

Now it might be of interest to the District what these pensioners are receiving. The lowest received \$96.00 relief last year and the



highest \$430.00 last year which sum included relief. The majority, 13, are receiving between \$180.00 and \$300.00 a year. This gives one a vague idea of what one might expect.

Sorry to say for 1935 the pension will be paid on the same basis as in 1934. However, might I quote from the National Chairman's letter, so that persons concerned will understand, "All relief has been cut where possible due to \$9,000.00 less which we will receive from budget in 1935." This might be bad news to some, especially those who were in hopes of receiving more relief in 1935 as per applications and request. However it is the same old philosophy, "It cannot be given unless one has it in the first place."

We, the Committee, sincerely hope that conditions will improve and budget appropriations will increase so that it will be possible to do better by our own, who so justly deserve it.

Respectfully submitted,

*A. E. Klemme, Chairman,  
Roland Hosto,  
Ludwig Rauch.*

#### **Committee No. 5—Resolutions on Report of Ministerial Pension and Relief**

The District thanks God, the giver of all good gifts, that the Board of Pension and Relief was able to help a number of ministers, widows and orphans, during the past years.

The District expresses its gratitude for the cooperation of the the Synodical and District officers of the Pension and Relief Board.

The District deeply appreciates the efforts of the Women's Union in building a home at Blue Springs, and for donating half their thank offering to the Relief Fund, and promising a repetition for 1935.

The District expresses its gratitude to the Brotherhoods of the West Missouri District for their willingness to assume the obligation to pay for the installation of water into the various cottages at Blue Springs.

The District highly commends the action of Mrs. Emma Leonhardt in paying one half the cost of the erection of a home at Bensenville and sincerely hopes that others may follow her example.

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#### **Committee No. 6—Resolutions on Report of Synodical President**

With the president of the Synod the District recognizes the difficulties which confront the church under prevailing conditions.

The District recognizes the estimable services rendered by the Rev. Paul Press in the capacity of President of the Synod and pledges to the present incumbent, the Rev. F. C. Klick, its full support.

The District pledges cooperation in the promotional work of our church and urges all its officers and congregations to fully meet their financial obligations.

The District resolves to hold a special conference in 1936 to study



the tentative constitution and to elect delegates to the General Conference.

The District sympathizes deeply with those members of our church who were bereaved during the last twelve months and recognizes whatever meritorious Kingdom work the deceased may have rendered.

The District again calls attention to the dangerous practices of using questionable methods, such as the use of alcoholic beverages, games of chance and card parties in connection with the functions of the church and charges its officers with the strict enforcement of the principle underlying this resolution.

**Committee No. 7—Resolutions on Report on Educational Institutions  
Eden Theological Seminary**

We endorse the curriculum of our theological school in its entirety because we see in it an honest attempt to give our church a ministry well educated and equipped to cope with the many problems arising in our turbulent age.

We implore God's blessings upon the merger of the two theological schools and upon the enlarged faculty.

The interdenominational, the inter-racial, and international atmosphere at our Eden Seminary is a splendid illustration of our motto, Ephesians 4: 4.

We commend the Eden Faculty for the splendid programs presented at the convocations and also for the chapel lectures.

**ELMHURST COLLEGE**

We encourage our people to send their children for a higher education to Elmhurst.

The South Illinois District highly commends the Elmhurst faculty on its courageous stand against the proposed bill pending in the Illinois legislature delegating to an assessor the power to brand certain teachings as seditious or unpatriotic. We believe such a bill to emanate from a tendency toward Fascism which violates American tradition, and recommend that every minister lodge strenuous protest with the representatives of his district to such a bill.

**EDEN ADVANCE**

We feel the withholding of detailed facts and figures to those contributing is a violation of the principle of Christian giving.

We respectfully request an early detailed, published report on the Elmhurst-Eden Advance campaign, that is, on expenses of the campaign and of the collections.

This request is based upon the fact that the financial report is too short, since such a large amount of money is involved.

**Committee No. 8—Resolutions on Report of Eden Publishing House**

The District is gratified to note, that in spite of increased wages, expensive costs system, and the decreased subscriptions, that the net results are considerably better than last year.

The South Illinois District is satisfied with the decision of the



General Council authorizing the closing of the Chicago branch after the present lease expires in October, 1936, since the branch is operating under such a great loss. We suggest that the branch be closed before the release expires, if a saving can thus be effected.

The District casts its opinion that matters be dropped in reference to a general conference resolution, namely, that the "Theological Magazine" be revised, since there are so many interdenominational magazines, and since the faculty of the Eden Theological Seminary does not care to sponsor a Theological Journal.

The District notes with delight, the achievement of the merged publications of the year book and almanac of the Evangelical and Reformed Church 1935 to the time of twenty-two thousand copies.

The South Illinois District looks forward with interest to the new publication of the merged church, "The Messenger" which makes its appearance in October of this year.

#### **Committee No. 9—Resolutions on Report of Board of Foreign Missions**

With the Board of Foreign Missions the South Illinois District acknowledges with thanks to God that the year 1934 was one of encouragement and spiritual progress.

We deplore the passing away of the esteemed and beloved Secretary, the Rev. Paul A. Menzel and are confident that his successor, the Rev. F. A. Goetsch, will carry on the work in the same spirit.

We rejoice that steps have been taken to bring about more blessed results by the united efforts in the administration of mission work in the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

We note with rejoicing that the number of baptized persons has greatly increased in the Indian field.

While the sending of several new workers is very desirable, we rejoice that at least the Rev. H. G. Freund could enter the active service.

We are thankful that conditions in Honduras are favorable at the present time.

We appreciate that several Honduran helpers were won by our missionaries.

Finally, we recommend whole-heartedly those suggestions found on page 89 in the Annual Report; we refer particularly to the distribution of "Missionary Horizons" and "Missionary Trails."

#### **Report of Committee for Religious Education**

Religion needs education. Christian truth must be taught. There are facts of divine revelation that need to be known, apprehended by both heart and mind. Religion has a content and this content must be presented to the pupil in such a manner that it be understood and appropriated. The teaching of religion calls for definite formal instruction; for organization, curriculum and the application of tried teaching methods. In answer to this need for Christian education, the modern Sunday school was called into being. Marion Lawrence, the great pioneer in this realm, said at one time, "The Sunday school is



the noblest development of the nineteenth century and it is one of the finest Christian tools of the twentieth century." There are many today who do not share the enthusiasm here expressed. The institution of the Sunday school has been much criticised in late years and its weakness exposed. That we examine this agency with critical eye is necessary. That we revise our plans in the light of new insights is ever a duty. But it seems to us that the pendulum is swinging too far in the direction of pessimism and lack of faith. Certainly the Sunday school has been and is still a mighty force in building the Kingdom of God. It is still leading the youth of our land God-ward. It represents a large measure of Christian service and devotion. Every Sunday many thousands of volunteer Bible school workers in all parts of this country meet, their classes as Christian leaders and teachers. The church and the country owe them a debt of gratitude. No service being rendered in our congregations requires more application and resourcefulness.

The teacher is the key to the Sunday school situation. Apt teachers will insure effective teaching. Our task as pastors and leaders is to help the teacher to make the most of his opportunity. There are a number of things that can be done to aid the Bible school workers to become more efficient in their task. In the home church they may be enrolled in training classes, provided with useful books and lesson helps and stimulated by well planned workers conferences. Then the workers may also be taken out of the local field for a longer or shorter period—to conventions, to institutes, to Summer Leadership Training Schools.

Under the direction of the Board of Religious Education a number of splendid training schools are annually conducted in various parts of the country. For the 1934 season the enrollment was 614. However of these hundreds of students, only 20 came from our South Illinois churches. Why were we not better represented?

Our District League and Sunday School Convention was held in St. John Church in Collinsville, August 28-29. A well balanced program built around the theme "Christianity for an Un-christian World," was presented. The attendance was very good and a fine spirit was manifest. A strong feature of the gathering were the well directed sectional conferences. A similar convention is being planned for the coming summer.

Several regional one day conventions for Sunday School Teachers are being held in various parts of the district every year. This is a commendable custom and is to be recommended for the entire district. Our workers need the inspiration and the encouragement that comes out of contact with others.

We wish to call the attention of the pastors of this district to the Guide for Confirmation Instruction, which was recently published by the Board for Religious Education. While we do not deem it in all ways an adequate outline, we do consider it a valuable aid to



the pastor in his significant work of preparing children for the rite of confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

*A. E. Limper,*

*A. H. Wegener.*

**Committee No. 10—Resolutions on Report of Board of  
Religious Education**

Cognizant of the challenging need for leaders competent to lead us and our children in the way of truth, we recommend the expansion of the influence of the E. L. T. Schools and all similar work and the encouraging of our people to attend.

We are happy to note the increased interest in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools and recommend that wherever possible and advisable this phase of work be promoted.

We endorse with enthusiasm the affiliation of our Synod with the International Council of Religious Education as a means to inter-denominational fellowship and enterprise.

We note with interest and joy the contacts of the various Christian Education groups of the Evangelical and Reformed sections of our united church.

We note with gratification that the "Service Library" of the Board of Religious Education has obtained a number of new and valuable books and we recommend that all our church schools avail themselves of the privileges thus provided.

We recommend to our pastors the use of the "Guide for Confirmation Instruction" prepared by the Board for Religious Education.

**Report of the Brotherhood Federation**

To the Rev. H. Bredehoeft,  
President of the So. Ill. District:

During the past year, dating from the special District Conference in May 1934, the Brotherhood Federation of the South Illinois District has gone forward. By the energetic leadership and thoughtful planning of President George M. Thomas progress has been made in three fields: 1 Education, 2 Promotion, and 3 Brotherhood Extension.

1. The officers and chairmen of the local Brotherhoods were called together in two meetings, one in Mascoutah and one at Edwardsville to discuss ways and means to improve the local Brotherhood meetings, realizing the fact that the success of the entire national Brotherhood movement depends on the success of every local meeting. The necessity of making each and every local meeting thoroughly educational, informational, and interesting was not only advocated but it has been realized by many local organizations by the use of the topic found in the "Monthly Program," by the free "Monthly Topic Service" sent from headquarters, and by a thorough discussion of the topic by the laymen. Recognizing the devotional and educational need of the Brotherhood, nineteen of our organizations



were represented at the "Men's Retreat" at Eden Sminary in cooperation with the Missouri and St. Louis Federations.

It is encouraging to note that the Brotherhoods which thrive best are those which make education on vital topics primary and which make entertainment secondary.

2. The Federation took charge of the Evangelical Day at Hoyleton Orphans' Home in August 1934 and is soliciting members for the Orphans' Home Association. It has promoted Undershepherd Services in local Brotherhoods for the benefit of our Retired Ministers, and the ministry in general; supported by the Brotherhood Student fund; encouraged work with boys, stewardship, and missions.

3. Brotherhood extension has also met with success. The new Brotherhoods are Pinckneyville, Carlyle, DuQuoin, and the Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Brotherhood at Belleville.

The man-power of our churches, as it is organized in our Federation, is by no means exhausted. In fact, it is just beginning to be appreciated. In order to harness it for the furtherance of God's Kingdom we need more wisdom, experience, and cooperation. Leadership is present, and interest is alive.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for the average church to accommodate the quarterly meetings, the attendance of which nears 200. Only the largest churches can accommodate the annual meetings the last of which had an attendance of 485.

May God continue to give us new victories in the future, and inspire our leaders as He has in the past. The least we can do is to accept the program of work offered by our executives and pray for its success.

Respectfully submitted,

By the Advisory Committee:

*Wm. von Brauchitsch.*

### **Women's Union**

Dear Christian Co-Workers:

As we review the work of the past year in our district, we give thanks and praise to God for the fact that in every department there has been some progress made.

More societies are adopting our programs and plans. The monthly program is one of the best pieces of literature we have as it contains material and help for all departments of work. It acquaints our women with the work of our Church locally and denominationally and with the subjects that should be familiar to all church women. During the past year 3263 copies were sold, this being 243 more than the previous year. 59 societies are using them, out of which 26 societies are making use of these programs in all six departments of work.

The General Education Department reports a gain of 31 new subscribers for the Evangelical Herald over last year. This department also reports 21 societies observing church paper week, and 8



societies organizing women's union libraries with a total of 80 volumes.

The Devotional Life Department shows a gain in promoting the use of Daily Talks with God, and establishing of family altars, and the distribution of all Christian literature. Distribution was made to the local societies at our rallies, group meetings and conventions. Are also happy to report that 12 societies are observing Lenten Quiet Hour.

Our Missionary Education Department reports 38 societies now observing the Day of Prayer for Missions. The amount of \$215.99 was contributed to missions—sorry this is much less than contributed during previous year. In addition to contributions, clothes and bandages were made for the lepers in India.

A gain in the number of societies using thank offering boxes is reported by the Christian Stewardship Department, a total of 728 being in use and a gain in the amount contributed. To the Student Loan Fund was contributed \$143.15 and to the Synodical Budget \$548.58. In addition many Stewardship packets and plays were sold at our rallies and conventions to help promote the work.

Our Social Welfare reports are good. Much help was given local relief agencies, and food, clothing and coal were given to the needy. Our Synodical benevolent institutions were given bedding, clothing, canned fruits and vegetables along with a cash contribution of \$492.49.

A gain of 3 societies over last year is reported by our Christian Citizenship Department. It is also reported that 7 societies are presenting the Christian citizenship objectives. We hope to give a better report for this department next year.

We regret to report that we lost members during the past year, but with improved conditions we are hopeful of showing a gain this year. Our present membership is 6200, and the number of societies is 63, we having lost 1 society and gained 1 during the year. A total of 7 rallies, group meetings and conventions were held. Our 3rd annual Meditation Days on June 16th and 17th, 1934 at Eden Seminary were well attended, and those present experienced a closer walk with God as well as days of meditation and consecration. The 13th annual convention was held in Alton on Wednesday, October 3, 1934.

We realize there is still much to do, and may we say, direct us Lord in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, guide us and father us with Thy continual help.

Yours in the Master's service,

*Rev. A. W. Hoelscher,*

*Rev. R. Zimmermann,*

*Mrs. Arthur Roman, President.*



### **Report of the Evangelical League Committee**

The Rev. Hugo J. Bredehoeft, President of South Illinois District:

In the Gospel of Mark we read: "And Jesus, looking upon him (the rich young ruler), loved him." The Church in following the example and life of Jesus has manifested a similar love and interest for the young people under its charge. Our Synod through its "Evangelical League" organization has given our young people an opportunity to "advance in wisdom, and stature, and in favor with God and man," and to serve God, His Church, and His Kingdom at large.

During the past year increased opportunity was given our youth through the League and through young people's classes to worship, to study, to have recreation and fellowship, and to be of service to the local churches and to God's Kingdom. Opportunity was given in local congregations: to sponsor Young People's Day service, to conduct Confirmation Day Re-union services, to have Young People's choirs, to promote religious dramas and pageants and secular plays, to assist as ushers and helpers in church and as teachers and leaders in Sunday school; in Greater Kingdom work: to support the National League organization (our South Illinois District League contributed \$102.10, more than any other District League); to study and to support missions and benevolence; to help in social service work in the community; and to win young people to the Kingdom.

Opportunity was given in many localities to exchange visits with neighboring Leagues in mutual fellowship, worship, and study. In the various regions a Young People's Rally was conducted separately or in connection with a Sunday School Rally or convention. The Edwardsville Region sponsored a separate League Rally at Alhambra, Illinois, on Sunday, July 8th, 1934, at which Rev. J. J. Braun, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board spoke, and at which 175 young people and pastors were present.

The greatest privilege of the year for League members was attendance at the 19th annual Sunday School and League Convention which convened at St. John's Evangelical Church, the Rev. C. H. Kuhlmann, pastor, Collinsville, Illinois, on August 28 and 29, 1934. Prof. Paul Lehmann of Elmhurst College delivered three thought-provoking addresses on the theme of the convention, "Christianity for an Unchristian World." It was also a privilege for many of our youth to attend the interdenominational youth conference held at the beginning of this year at Carbondale, Ill., Springfield, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo. The theme of these conferences, as of those in other states, was "Christian Youth Building a New World."

Future opportunities and responsibilities for the youth of our district will depend upon the findings and suggestions of the committee, recommended at the last special conference, to "study the possibilities for more effective youth work in the district in the light of present-day needs and developments, and that such committee



bring in definite and inclusive recommendations to the 1935 district conference"; and also upon the cooperation and whole-hearted interest of the entire South Illinois District and its constituent members, pastors, congregations and Leagues. May God help us in perfecting the work that has thus far been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE:

*Arthur C. Kuehn,*

*Rudolph Hohmann.*

**Committee No. 11—Resolutions on Report of Brotherhood,  
Women's Union and League**

**BROTHERHOOD**

The South Illinois District is grateful that during the past year the Brotherhood work under the energetic leadership of its officers has gone forward in the three fields of Education, Promotion and Extension. We express our thanks and satisfaction in the manner in which the Federation officers have conducted the affairs of the organization.

Since the monthly program has found recognition and praise this year with the International Council of Religious Education at Chicago we again recommend to all Brotherhoods the use of the monthly program. Also because those Brotherhoods thrive the best which make education on vital topics primary and entertainment secondary.

As we are aware that spiritual life among the Brotherhood members is the foundation of the welfare of the church and home, therefore, we urge all men to be faithful in attending church services, to make use of the "Daily Talks with God" and the Men's Retreat at Eden Seminary—June 8-9.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE**

We rejoice that the work of the Evangelical League in the past year could be carried on along the lines followed in previous years giving all young people an opportunity to advance in spiritual growth, in services within the local church and the greater Kingdom work.

As the merger of our church with the Reformed group necessarily calls for a more comprehensive program for the young people and their services, the South Illinois District therefore recommends to the National League officers that the coming youth be given their rightful place and the best the church has to offer.

We recommend the report of the advisory committee on the Youth Round-Up program.

**WOMEN'S UNION**

The South Illinois District compliments the Women's Union and further urges the good work of carrying on the Rally day group meetings in various sections, prayer day for missions on Ascension Day, and meditation days at Eden Seminary.

As the Orphan Home celebration this year comes earlier in the



year we express the hope that the congregations and federations will take the same vital interest as in former years.

We recommend that the Study Committee to consider the possibilities for more effective youth work in the district be continued and bring in definite and conclusive recommendations to the 1936 District Conference.

#### **Committee No. 12—Special Resolutions**

Be it resolved that the Program Committee make special arrangements to provide sectional meetings for the lay delegates so that they may discuss practical church administration problems.

The South Illinois District respectfully requests our educational institutions, Elmhurst College and Eden Seminary to publish in their annual reports all salaries paid to professors, instructors and employees.

The South Illinois District recommends that the Synodical Pension and Relief Fund be placed on a more brotherly and Christian basis, i. e., instead of paying the rate according to the age of entrance, every member pay on a percentage basis according to salary received.

#### **INDEPENDENT RESOLUTIONS**

Be it moved that the advisability of omitting the evening service prior to the opening of the conference be determined by the District officers and the local pastor. (Rev. Wm. von Brauchitsch.)

The president shall send to all churches a pastoral letter containing all important resolutions of the conference. (Rev. C. R. Hempel.)

#### **LAYMEN'S MEETING**

We recommend that the district Treasurer be granted an honorarium of \$40.00 for services rendered during the past 4 years.

We respectfully ask Rev. Hoelscher, the local pastor to convey a word of thanks to the proper authorities of the Methodist Church for the use of their church auditorium for the meeting of the laymen held on May 1, 1935.

We appreciate very much the splendid talk by F. T. Hotz, Superintendent of the Orphan's Home and recommend that every laymen become a member of the Hoyleton Orphan's Home Association.

The laymen appreciate the inspiring address given by Attorney John W. Mueller, of St. Louis, also the talk by George M. Thomas, president of the South Illinois Evangelical Brotherhood.

#### **NEW MEMBERS—THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE**

recommended that Rev. Fred Kalkbrenner be accepted into the membership of the Synod and the District and also that Rev. Firdel Paul be accepted into the membership of the Synod and the District. Both motions carried unanimously.

The committee recommended that the application of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church of Belleville for membership in the Synod be renewed next year.

The committee was sustained by the conference.



#### COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

reported that the following congregations had sent no representatives to the conference and were not excused: Ursa, Brighton, St. Jacob, Arcola, Caseyville, Dollville, Garrett, Jerseyville, Duquoin, Fayetteville, Murphysboro, Plum Hill, Evansville, Floraville, Fufts, Harrisonville, Hecker, New Design, Sugar Loaf, Summerfield, Trenton, Ridge Prairie.

Rev. L. F. Malkemus was excused from attendance at the conference and from sharing in the traveling expense.

Following were excused, but not from sharing in the traveling expense: Rev. Karl Friebe, Rev. K. Doernenburg, Rev. Wm. Weltge and Rev. G. F. Brink.

Mrs. Elsa Reichenbach was also excused.

#### COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING EXPENSE AND EQUALIZATION

reported the average expense of the pastors to be \$1.47 and recommended that the average be raised to \$1.50. This recommendation was made a motion and carried.

#### ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

*District Officers*—President, Rev. Carl H. Kluge; Vice-President, Rev. A. E. Limper; Secretary, Rev. Paul E. Schoppe; Treasurer, Mr. Fred G. Rapp.

*District Council*—The District Officers and Mr. F. J. Oswald (1937), Mr. C. Schikedanz (1939) and Rev. Aug. F. Warskow (1941).

*District Judiciary*—Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft, Rev. H. H. Wintermeyer and Rev. R. Kofer; Mr. H. F. Lill and Mr. W. C. Heyl.

*Board of Examiners*—Rev. R. Hohman and Mr. Alfred Zahn, and Rev. L. F. Kurz.

*Home Mission Board*—Rev. R. Zimmermann and Mr. John Schmale.

*Foreign Mission Board*—Rev. Theo. Kugler and Mr. Arthur Beckemeyer.

*Pension Board*—Rev. A. E. Reiss.

*Board of Religious Education*—Rev. A. W. Hoelscher and Mr. Harry Lange.

*Advisory Committee*—A.—District Brotherhood: Rev. Wm. von Brauchitsch and Rev. Ludwig Kutz. B.—District Women's Federation: Rev. Otto Bassler and Rev. Clyde McNelly. League: Rev. H. Kochheim.

Inspector, Mutual Fire and Storm Association—Rev. C. F. Kniker.

#### CONCLUSION

After prayer by Rev. Geo. Hohmann and the hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the forty-sixth conference of the South Illinois District adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul E. Schoppe, Secretary.



## **SOUTHERN DISTRICT**

**(No Conference)**

### **Members of the Southern District**

#### **New Orleans Regional Conference**

##### **New Orleans:**

Bethany, Norman L. Stock  
Bethel, Oscar C. Laubengayer  
First Evangelical, N. Maunz  
Jackson Ave. Evangelical, Julius P. Quinius, Herman S. Ritter  
Metairie Evangelical, J. C. Rieger  
Salem, Fred C. Schweinfurth  
St. John, J. S. Gohde  
St. Matthew, L. Schweickhardt  
St. Paul, Raymond F. Buck  
Trinity, A. J. Scherer  
Biloxi, First Evang. Luth., Fred J. Mehrtens  
Back Bay, Mrs. W. McDonnell, Miss Anna Astroth (Community Workers)

#### **Alabama and Georgia Regional Conference**

Birmingham, St. John, R. Mernitz  
Cullman, St. John Evang. Luth., Theo. Mehl  
Atlanta, St. John Evang. Luth., H. A. Dewald

#### **Florida Regional Conference**

Miami, Robertson Memorial Evangelical, G. M. Poth  
Redlands, St. John, G. M. Poth  
Jacksonville, First Evangelical, F. Tschudy  
Lowell, United Evangelical, F. Tschudy  
Lauderdale, E. Bratzel (P.)



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J. Dippel, Pastor

**May 15 to 19, 1935**

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**Services**

The keynote of the conference was struck in the opening service on Wednesday night. Rev. J. Dippel had charge of the altar service and Dr. George W. Richards, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, preached an inspiring sermon on the two phrases, "The House of God" and "The Church of the Living God" in 1 Timothy 3: 15. Renditions by a pastor's chorus under the direction of Rev. F. W. Schaefer beautified the service. Rev. A. Romanowski welcomed the conference in his capacity as chairman of the board of directors of the Home, and President R. Mohr, replied in behalf of the district.

The service on Thursday night took place in Friedens Church. Rev. W. Aufderhaar served at the altar. Rev. J. Jaworski preached the German sermon on the subject, "29 jaehrige Taetigkeit des Diakonievereins." Rev. O. A. Meyer spoke in English on "Our Future Hope and Challenge" on the basis of Luke 4: 16-30. The choir of Friedens Church beautified the service.

The service on Friday night was conducted in the Community Church. Rev. F. W. Schaefer served at the altar and Rev. J. Strausz, brought the message, based on Acts 2: 46-47. A solo, a rendition by the choir of the Community Church and two selections by the pastor's chorus heightened the devotional spirit. The members of the district council and home mission board and the district judges were installed into office by Rev. F. Klick, President of the Evangelical Synod.

The services on Sunday were in the nature of anniversary services, commemorating the 25th birthday of the Eden Home for the Aged. In the morning service, Rev. W. Aufderhaar served at the altar.



Rev. R. Mohr preached the German sermon on the basis of Galatians 6: 9 and Rev. F. W. Schaefer the English sermon on John 1: 26. In the afternoon Mr. H. H. Ochs, Chairman of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce brought greetings.

During these Sunday services, the Richland church orchestra under the direction of Rev. J. Kasiske, made a distinct contribution.

The conference came to a close with vesper services in charge of Rev. F. A. Goetsch, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. His message based on Psalm 84, 10 was a fitting finale.

### **Devotions**

These were in charge of Rev. Wm. Scholze.

Thursday Morning: "The Sustaining Work of God," John 5: 17. This devotion was memorial in character and preparatory to Holy Communion. Rev. Scholze and Rev. Dippel served at the altar.

Friday Morning: "Divine Resources for Effective Living." Eph. 3: 20 and 1 Peter 2: 5.

Saturday Morning: "From Vision to Action." Joel 2: 28 and Isa. 40: 3-5.

### **MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR**

Rev. O. A. Meyer and Rev. D. Baltzer were elected to these positions respectively. Rev. C. Wolff was appointed parliamentarian of the conference.

### **Special Gift of Appreciation**

During the conference a purse, comprising freewill offerings of pastors and delegates was presented to President R. Mohr, in appreciation of his devoted service to the district.

### **Members of the Texas District**

#### **Brazos Region**

Pastor—Place—Church—Delegate

Anderson, F. C., Kurton, Zion, Arthur Jaeger.

Anderson, F. C., New Baden, Ebenezer.

Braun, F., Belleville, Emeritus.

Kasiske J. J., Richland, \*St. John.

Meyer, O. A., Weimar, Evangelical Luth., C. G. Schietinger.

Meyer, O. A., New Biellau, \*Trinity.

Mohr, R., Coupland, St. Peter, Emil Wernli

Schwengel E. H., Washington, Friedens, W. H. Holle

Schwengel, E. H., Lyons, Immanuel.

Schwengel, E. H., Md. Prairie, Ste. Stephen.

Stadler, C. A., Birch, Salems.

Stadler, C. A., Dime Box, St. John.

Walton A., Burton, St. John, Wm. Dallmeyer.

Walton, A., Gay Hill, Friedens.

Vacant, Schulenburg, Evangelical Luth.



### Houston Region

Baltzer, D., Houston, First Evangelical, H. J. Salge.  
Ernst, M., Beasley, Friedens, Mrs. Albert Myska.  
Ernst, M., Cottonwood, St. Peter, Frank Kunz.  
Puhlmann, E., Spring, Immanuel, Wm. Roth.  
Puhlmann, E., Cypress, Christ.  
Rahmeier, P., Houston, Christ, Mrs. W. T. Pilkington.  
\*Vilt, J., Needville, Immanuel, Chas. Kettler.  
Wobus, Theo., Houston, Bethel.  
Ziegler, J., Cypress, \*St. Luke.  
Ziegler, J., Spring Branch, St. Peter.  
Ziegler, J., White Oak, St. John.  
Poppe, Miss Leona, Houston, Commissioned Worker.

### San Antonio Region

Artus, A., Three Oaks, Friedens, O. Schraub.  
Aufderhaar, W., San Antonio, Community, Mrs. M. Schlunk.  
Aufderhaar, W., Karnes City First Evangelical, Mrs. F. Tiemann.  
Barnofske, H., Kyle, St. John, Herbert Schmidt.  
Borne, H. G., New Braunfels, \*First Protestant.  
Deislinger, G., Yorktown, Emeritus.  
Dippel, J., San Antonio, Supt. Protestant Home for Aged.  
Jaworski, J., Seguin, Emeritus.  
Kniker, C., Seguin, Emeritus.  
Kniker, P. C., Orange Grove, Evangelical Luth., A. H. Ehlers.  
Kniker, P. C., Tynan, Friedens.  
Kniker, P. C., Corpus Christi, United Evangelical, Ed. Imhoff.  
Kniker, P. C., Woodsboro, Christ, Paul Dorn.  
Koenig, C., Seguin, \*Cross.  
Kuretsch, R. F., Cibolo, St. Paul, Alfred Weyel.  
Kuretsch, R. F., Zuehl, Redeemer, Ed. Winkelmann.  
Kuretsch, R. F., Converse, Friedens.  
Meiller, J., San Antonio, Emeritus.  
Mornhinweg, G., New Braunfels, \*First Protestant.  
Reichert, J., Lockhart, Christ.  
Saeuberlich, A., Geronimo, \*Friedens.  
Schaefer, F. W., San Antonio, Friedens, Chas. Schlake.  
Voegtling, G., Corpus Christi, Emeritus.

### Waco Region

Dettmann, A., Gerald, St. Paul, J. J. Keller.  
Dettmann, A., West, St. Peter, L. Benkendoerfer.  
Greeb, A., Riesel, Friedens, O. C. Petrich.  
Kalkbrenner, R., Augusta, \*St. James.  
Kalkbrenner, R., Burlington, \*St. John.  
Krebs, G., Cego, St. Paul, Richard Feind.  
Mueller, C., Otto, St. John, Chas. Holtkamp.  
\*Rest, H., Womack, Zion, H. E. Hafer.  
\*Rest, H., Cayote, St. John, W. B. Hampe.



Romanowski, A., Dallas, St. Paul, Geo. Souther.  
 Scholze, Wm. E., Rowena, Zoar, Clarence Schoenfeld.  
 Scholze, Wm. E., San Angelo, Immanuel, H. W. Stuessel.  
 Strauss, J., Robinson, St. John, W. H. Rueter.  
 Strauss, J., Moorville, \*Zion.  
 Uhlhorn, R., Ft. Worth, St. John, Hugo V. John.  
 Uhlhorn, R., Lewisville, Friedens, W. Barfknecht.  
 Wolff, C., Waco, Zion, F. E. Aigner.  
 Wolff, C., Marlin, St. Paul, A. W. Grube.  
 Vacant Electra Zion.  
 Teacher F. Kloppe Thorndale.

\* Not a member of Synod.

### Committees

1. *Credentials, Registration, Fares, Excuses.* Pastor: R. Kalkbrenner—Churches: San Antonio, Friedens; Cego; Woodsboro.
2. *District President* (Appointed by Vice-President). Pastors: R. F. Kuretsch, C. Stadler, H. Barnofske—Churches: Dallas; Houston, First Evang.; Burton.
3. *Correlation.* Pastors: J. Jaworsky, O. A. Meyer—Churches: San Antonio, Community; Beasley; Karnes City.
4. *President of Synod.* Pastors: D. Baltzer, R. Uhlhorn—Churches: Marlin; Christ, Houston; Three Oaks.
5. *Auditing.* Pastors: J. Strauss, J. Reichert, F. Kloppe—Churches: Schulenburg; Otto; Gay Hill.
6. *Educational Institutions.* Pastors: A. Romanowski, A. Saeuberlich—Churches: Waco; Cottonwood; Gerald.
7. *Christianity and Social Problems.* Pastors: E. H. Schwengel—Churches: Ft. Worth, San Angelo; Lewisville.
8. *Church Extension, Pension, Fire and Storm.* Pastors: H. G. Borne, J. Meiller, A. Artus—Churches: Needville; Riesel.
9. *Home Missions, District and Synod.* Pastors: J. J. Kasiske, M. Ernst—Churches: Coupland, Womack, West.
10. *Foreign Missions.* Pastors: G. Krebs, F. Anderson—Churches: Corpus Christi, Kyle.
11. *Christian Education.* Pastors: Th. Wobus, Wm. Scholze—Churches: Rowena, Cibolo, Cayote.
12. *Federated Activities.* Pastors: J. Dippel, P. C. Kniker, G. Mornhinweg, E. H. Puhlmann—Churches: Dime Box.
13. *Publications and Press.* Pastors: F. W. Schaefer, W. Aufderhaar.
14. *Executive Committee, Annuities.* Pastors: C. Mueller, C. Kniker, G. Deislinger—Churches: Washington; Orange Grove.
15. *Diakonie Verein, Gemeindebote.* Pastors: C. Wolff, H. Rahmeier, J. Koenig—Churches: Robinson, Zuehl.
16. *Elections.* A. Nominations: Pastors, A. Romanowski, H. Rahmeier; Laymen, Mr. W. Puls, Mr. W. Dallmeyer. B. Tellers: Pastors, A. Greeb, E. H. Puhlmann; Churches, Kurten, Needville.



## 1935 Texas District Reports

### President's Report

Fellow coworkers:

Jesus values highly the trust men place in him and always special blessings come to him who has complete confidence in his power to aid mankind. Through faith in him sinners become saints, unknown men become famous, weaklings become giants in strength. If this is true of individuals, it is equally true of organizations. The church of today must find this faith if it wants to survive. Our age is a materialistic age. With all of its accomplishments it has made no lasting progress. We must turn to the spiritual realm to find our real power.

Four times Jesus censures men of his day with these words: "O ye of little faith!" Mt. 8: 26 and always because men were fearful and fretting either because of a shortage of food or that a danger was threatening. Yet, men of his day seemingly did not learn. The few who followed his example became to be a force in world affairs. The masses, under the leadership of self-righteous men, went down to destruction.

Our day is a day of many fears. Frantic efforts are made in all directions to remedy the dangers. Many voices are heard: "Lord we perish." This is true of the state and it is sad to say—of the Church, the lack of faith of the believers, the half-hearted efforts of the Christians reflects itself in the inefficiency of the Church.

The church cannot go much longer on this way. We need to regain the faith that faces the storms fearlessly and should the storm break upon us with full fury—can we now come through? Evidently we can for Jesus said once: "O ye of little faith!" Shall he repeat this to his followers of our generation? Often we wonder what the cause for this situation might be. To my knowledge no attempt has been made to determine this. Charges have been made. We were ready to accuse others, eager to blame, satisfied if we saved a few dollars by cutting salaries of secretaries and stenographers, closing mission fields, writing volumes of letters of appeals and statistics, by the Elmhurst-Eden Advance, through the S. R. P., etc. We have been visited with strong appeals for funds so often that it seems our church would now be well taken care of. This is not the case. We have laid a strain on our material resources that our spiritual capacity was unable to bear. May it not be more essential to lay the primary stress on our spiritual development. It seems to us more logical to develop a faith that will issue in works than to resort to works in order that faith may be achieved. The lack of the dollar was considered more than the hungry and crying soul. "O ye of little faith!" If faith is lacking—how can we go on? On the other hand it is also true that little has been done to awaken faith in our members. Where individuals set out with a faith in Christ and his cause they had no lack and the work of our Church was supported, even in these adverse times. There is no reason for our Synod to be in such financial distress. The expenditures are



not so great but that the 300,000 members could easily have taken care of them. But faith must have a chance to assert itself. May I most humbly advise that our only way out is to take the way of faith. We have trusted long enough in the might of the dollar and our own prowess. In this we have failed consistently. With Christ with us we cannot fail and by all means let us make all efforts that He may look favorably upon us.

#### **Status of District**

Officially we still carry 61 churches on our list. 42 ministers are members of our District, also 2 commissioned workers.

#### **Changes in the District**

During the past year a number of changes have taken place.

Rev. C. Kniker has retired from active service.

Rev. J. Meiller retired for a time due to ill health, but we are happy to report that he is ready to serve a church again.

Rev. R. F. Kuretsch came from Beasley to Cibolo-Zuehl.

Rev. M. Ernst came from Corpus Christi to Beasley-Cottonwood.

Rev. A. Greeb came from Gerald to Riesel.

Rev. Wm. E. Scholze is taking charge of Marlin by July 1st.

Rev. G. Krebs is retiring from service July 1st.

Transferred to other Districts:

Rev. T. C. Beyer to the South Illinois District.

Rev. P. Piepenbrok to the Missouri District.

Vacancies:

Besides our vacant mission churches there are the following: Womack-Cayote temporarily served by Mr. Heinrich Rest of Eden Seminary. Gerald-West, Schulenburg, Rowena by July 1st, Cego by July 1st.

#### **Anniversaries**

The past year was one of anniversaries. A large number of churches celebrated, pastors were remembered for their long services and our Eden Home for the Aged is now celebrating. Congratulations to you all and God's richest blessing for the future.

#### **Regional Conferences**

All four regions held their conferences in the Fall of the year. The dates were coordinated in order to make it possible for Rev. R. P. Zwilling, Assistant Supt. of the Deaconess Hospital of St. Louis and Rev. O. P. Schroerluke, Secretary of the Young People's League to meet with all regions. These men made real contributions and brought real blessings to our District. It may be safe to say that our contributions to the Budget were materially aided by their coming. A real progress was noticeable in every conference and our members are showing an increased interest in Kingdom work. We are receiving a new vision of the opportunities and our duties. Thanks be to God.

#### **Budget**

By the report of our budget secretary you notice an increase for kingdom giving. Your council tried to meet the need with faith and it



has been proven that our feeble efforts were not in vain. Never did we visit a church to collect money, but primarily to acquaint people with our work as a challenge to their faith. This is only the beginning and we hope that more of this can be done in the future.

#### **Home Missions**

No other board within the district met with such difficulties as our District Board of Home Missions. Two of our most promising fields could not be taken care of—not because the Central Board would not aid us. Its hands were tied, due to the lack of support towards the larger Kingdom work and the lower paying basis allowed the Board by the Finance Board. It is deplorable that our Boards are not free to carry on the work for which they are responsible as they understand it best.

Special mention must be made concerning a mission gift. We need to recognize the missionary spirit of First Evangelical Church of Houston and its pastor, our present chairman of the District Home Missions Board. At the occasion of the 10th anniversary celebration of Christ Evang. Church of Houston this church was credited with \$3,000 on its present debt and \$5,000 was made available for a parsonage. At the same time Bethel Evang. Church was credited with \$3,000 on its debt.

#### **In Memoriam**

Soon after the last special conference, Rev. D. Jud was called home. For a number of years he had faithfully served our church in Riesel.

At the end of June Mrs. G. Voegtling was called home.

We mourn not as such who have no hope. The risen Christ has shown us the way.

#### **Guests for the Conference**

We are very happy to have in our midst either during the whole time of the conference or at least part of the time:

Dr. George W. Richards, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Rev. F. C. Klick, President of the Evangelical Synod.

Rev. F. A. Goetsch, Executive Secretary of Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Lillian L. Lang, Field Secretary of the Evang. Society for Medical Missions.

We are expecting blessings from these distinguished visitors and may Texas be an inspiration to our guests.

#### **Synodical Promotion**

We are happy to have in our midst this year Mrs. Lillian Lang, Field Secretary of the Evangelical Society for Medical Missions who is representing the Board of Foreign Missions in the promotional work of the Synod.

Rev. F. A. Goetsch begins his tour May 12th and ends it May 22.

#### **In Conclusion**

I was privileged to serve you four years. Thanks for the confidence you bestowed in me. Reviewing the past I can only say, it was a ser-



vice of great weakness, humiliating, straining. If there has been good accomplished it is due in a great measure to the faithful service and hearty co-operation of the District Council and the ministers of the District. The churches were splendid to work with and in this way made matters much easier. May every member of our District experience what true friends can mean with their sympathy and candid council.

Robert Mohr.

### **Report of the Texas District Mission Board for 1934**

To the Reverend Robert Mohr, President:

Your Mission Board begs to submit the following report:

Every real Evangelical Christian is alarmed over the serious situation existing in both the Foreign and Home Mission branches of our work. In the field of Home Missions the need for actual work is greater than ever, because of the inability of many of the well organized and self-sustaining churches to go out and bring the Gospel of salvation to a deeply stricken population. Just as local programs of work have been curtailed on account of the lack of funds to carry on, so our denominational work has been cut down.

A real loss came to our district in the passing of Brother D. A. Jud, Riesel, Texas, in the latter part of April, when he was suddenly called from active service. The deceased carried on valiantly in spite of human frailties. Mr. Edwin Eiben of our Eden Seminary, St. Louis, did two months of intensive field work in Friedens Church, Riesel. St. Pauls Church of Cego did not apply for financial support for the new year after receiving \$100.00 during 1934. Our Board now feels that its responsibility for Friedens, Lewisville and Friedens, Gay Hill has ended, since these two churches are being looked after by the Brethren R. Uhlhorn and A. Walton.

Brother Schwengel again looked after the needs of Lyons and Md. Prairie as his time allowed it and Brother Scholze has been doing very fine supply work at San Angelo. The Pastors C. Mueller, C. Wolff, J. Meiller, A. Greeb, Paul Kniker and perhaps others whose names are not known to us all did willing supply work in vacant churches during the course of the year. Sincere thanks to them. Brief reports of the various fields, omitting statistics, now follow.

1. and 2. *United Evang. Corpus Christi* and *Christ, Woodsboro*. Brother Martin Ernst resigned and left this field in November to accept another church in our district and since that time the neighboring pastor, Rev. Paul Kniker, has looked after both churches. In spite of conscientious and intensive work the immediate prospects for both of these churches to become self-sustaining are uncertain, hence due to reasons as already stated it was thought advisable to look after them together with the neighboring churches until better conditions come and make it possible for these people to do more for themselves.

3. and 4. *Immanuel, Spring* and *Christ, Cypress*. Rev. E. Puhmann. The Church at Spring is developing nicely under the sincere efforts of their leader. An actual membership gain of more than 30



percent was attained during the year. A debt of \$600.00 on the new parsonage will also soon be liquidated. There has not been this marked development at Cypress, where the work is going along quite well however.

5. and 6. *Salem, Birch and St. John, Dime Box*, Rev. C. Stadler. Adverse agricultural conditions make it hard for these two churches to make any headway. The Pastor is doing all that is perhaps possible to further the work. The latter church is located amidst several other churches in a small village thus impeding natural development. Just what the future will be is hard to say should the suggested plan be put into effect.

7. *Christ Evang., Houston*, Rev. Paul Rahmeier. Real progress is made at Christ Church with a nice membership gain. Payment of over \$600.00 on debt and interest and an increase toward the pastor's salary for the new year. The need of a parsonage adjoining the church has led to the starting of a building fund for this purpose. The Bible School and other organizations are hard at work and assisting the church quite materially in a financial way.

8. *First Evang., Karnes City*. Rev. W. H. Aufderhaar. This field was surveyed by the pastor and a helper last Summer and was found to be worthwhile in every way, even though the center of the community is not near the highway. Present financial conditions make it impossible for the Central Board to undertake the development of this field. The long distance from San Antonio makes it very difficult to care for and much credit is due the present pastor for his loyal and willing service.

9. *Christ, Lockhart*, Rev. J. Reichert. There have not been any noticeable changes in this field during the past year. The plight of the farmer in this section has retarded progress due to the inability of many to support the church. The work of proclaiming the gospel is appreciated here as elsewhere under existing conditions.

10. and 11. *Evang. Luth., Orange Grove and Friedens, Tynan*, Rev. Paul Kniker. After several years of supply preaching these two churches have had the advantage of a full-time pastor. Progress is necessarily slow, but some advances have been made. At present the pastor, however, has the additional work of looking after both Corpus Christi and Woodsboro.

12. *Friedens, Riesel*, Rev. A. Greeb. The present pastor has just started work where a long vacancy of almost a year had existed. Since the passing of Rev. D. A. Jud the work here has been done by the neighboring pastor, Rev. C. Mueller and for two months during the summer by Mr. Edwin Eiben. Prospects of real development are evident there. We hope and pray that rapid strides can be made with God's help toward making this church self-sustaining.

13. *Immanuel, San Angelo*, Vacant. Rev. Wm. Scholze has inaugurated a "new deal" as he calls it for San Angelo. He goes over there from Rowena each Friday to make calls and conduct the Young People's Leagues and then each Sunday afternoon for services. Rev.



Theo. Beier resigned and left there in October at which time the church was very discouraged and thought of disbanding. The fine relief work done by Brother Scholze, however, has aroused new hopes here for the future.

14. *Evang. Community, San Antonio*, Rev. W. H. Aufderhaar. Fine progress has been made here with a membership gain of over 50 percent and the meeting of all financial obligations. Under the steady leadership of the present pastor this promising church should begin to grow and make quick strides toward becoming self-sustaining. Twice monthly the pastor also makes the long trips to Karnes City in addition to looking after his own work.

15. *Friedens, San Antonio*, Rev. F. W. Schaefer. Fine headway has also been made here during the past year. A membership gain of some 25 percent was scored and certain urgent financial obligations were met. With perseverance and God's help this hard-stricken church will work out of all trouble. Fine leadership there is being met with splendid cooperation. Without the help of the Mission Board of the Synod this church would probably have disbanded.

16. *Friedens, Three Oaks*, Rev. August Artus. The past year has not brought any great changes in this church. Just what arrangement for its future will be made is still uncertain.

17. *Zion, Electra*, Vacant. Very little supply work was possible for this faithful flock. Brother Uhlhorn held services there several times. If some other denomination can serve this better than we can, then we should dispose of our holdings there. The district board has not been able thus far to take any active part toward solving the problems connected with this isolated church.

A total of \$8,728.46 was received by seventeen mission churches being served by twelve pastors. For 1935 the Central Board for Home Missions has granted the sum of \$6,185.00. May the Lord's richest blessings go out to every worker and his flock.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Baltzer, Chairman

C. Mueller, Secretary

C. Wolff

F. W. Gerke

Oscar Scholze

### **Report of the District Board of Christian Education**

To the Rev. Robert Mohr, President:

Seventy of our people attended the Lone Star E. L. T. S. at Waco last year. We hope that even a greater number will attend this year's session, June 17-28.

Our Sunday School and League Convention at New Braunfels was well attended. Its theme was "The Christian Task in the World Today."

Young People's Federations have held rallies in several of our



Regions. At the regional conferences our board has made an effort to help in the Sunday and Young People's sessions.

We wish that more of our churches would promote Sunday School Teachers Institutes and Training Classes in and among their groups. Wherever they have been held, they have proved inspirational and helpful.

Quite a number of our churches have held successful Vacation Church Schools, and are looking forward to great programs along that line this year. It is a splendid opportunity to teach Christian living.

A bulletin was issued by your board to inform you of activities in the district and to promote educational work.

The various members of your board are ready to help you in your Sunday School and League work.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leona Poppe, Chairman*

*Martin Ernst*

### **Report of the Committee on Women's Union**

To the President of the Texas District, Rev. R. Mohr:

The following report of the Women's Federations of the Texas District is hereby submitted:

The Texas District has two organized Federations.

1. The Evangelical Women's Federation of the Houston Region.
2. The Evangelical Women's Federation of the Brazos Region.

The local Unions of near Waco meet once a year, but are not organized.

There is no report from other regions.

1. The Houston Federation has: Local Unions 11, Membership 391. Kingdom Work contributions \$2,330.65.

The Brazos Federation has Local Unions 9, Membership 321, for Kingdom work \$644.08. Summary: Local Unions 20, Membership 712, Kingdom work \$2,974.73.

(Signed) A. Walton.

### **Ev. Diakonie in Texas**

Meinen Bericht beginne ich mit den Worten 1. Petri 3, 8, "Seid allesamt gleichgesinnet, mitleidig, bruederlich, barmherzig, freundlich."

Zunaechst eine Vorbemerkung: Damit ich nicht dasselbe wiederhole, verweise ich auf den trefflichen und ausfuehrlichen Bericht des Vorsitzers des Altenheim-Direktoriums, Br. A. Romanowski, der in der Aprilnummer des Gemeindeboten erscheint. Die groesste Ausgabe im J. 1934 verursachte das neue Dach auf dem Altenheim mit den drum und dran liegenden Reparaturen, wofuer wir kaum die Haelfte von den Schmidtschen Trustees erhielten, obwohl alles zu permanenten Verbesserungen zu zaehlen ist. Bruder Praeses wird wohl eine Erklaerung ueber die Nichtvertretung des Distrikts bei den Sitzungen der Schmidtschen Trustees geben.



In der Pastorenheimat mussten auch noetige Reparaturen vorgenommen werden. Siehe Bericht des Vorsitzers, Br. A. Romanowski, im Gemeindeboten. Der Gemeindebote hat auch von Zeit zu Zeit uber alles Nennenswerte genau berichtet.

Die im Laufe des Jahres vakant gewordenen Amtsstellen wurden vom Vorstand wie folgt ergaenzt: Herr O. Straach in den Vorstand des Diakonievereins, Br. H. G. Borne in das Direktorium der Pastorenheimat, und Herr C. Schietinger in die Fondsbehoerde.

Die Gliederzahl der Lokalvereine scheint sich zu erholen, doch die Einzelgliederzahl ist geringer geworden. Zur Zeit haben wir laut Bericht unseres werten Vereins-Sekretaers, Br. O. A. Meyer, folgende gutstehende Lokalvereine: Dallas 67, San Antonio, Friedens 39, Coupland 33, Richland 25, Waco 24, San Antonio Community 20, Rowena 15, Marlin 14, New Braunfels 14, Weimar 9. Einen Anlauf zur Gruendung eines Lokalvereins haben gemacht Cego 6, Geronimo 6, Erste Ev. Houston 6, Ft. Worth 3, Gerald 3, Otto 3, Seguin 3, Cayote 2, Corpus Christi 2, Washington 2, Beasley 1, Birch 1, Burton 1, Cibolo 1, und ein lebenslaengliches Glied Fr. Hedwig Oelkers.—Das ist alles! Wo sind die Vertreter der anderen 37 Gemeinden?

Unser Werter Vereins-Schatzmeister, Herr E. G. Hudel, berichtet, dass am 1. Febr. 1934 die Bilanz von \$26.31 an Hand war, und dass die Einnahmen vom 1. Febr. 1934 bis 31. Januar 1935 \$330.44 betrugen, somit die Gesamtsumme \$346.75 war. Die Kassenbuecher wurden von Revisoren fachmaessig untersucht und fuer richtig befunden.

Das vom Dallaser Bruederbund ausgesandte Pamphlet "Our Pride" sollte waehrend der Konferenz besprochen werden.

Ich danke fuer das mir bisher erwiesene Vertrauen und schliesse mit der ganz bestimmten Bitte meine Wenigkeit bei den Wahlen auszuschalten. Ich habe versucht in aller Schwachheit zu dienen, nun sollen ruestigere Kraefte ans Ruder kommen. Gott segne die Arbeit des Vereins fuer Evangelische Diakonie in Texas!

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet

*J. Jaworski.*

### **Gemeindebotenbericht**

Lieber Bruder Praeses:

Der Gemeindebote wird in 700 Exemplaren gedruckt. Bestellt und bezahlt sind 289 Exemplare @ 40c (\$115.60) und 321 Exemplare @ 50c (\$159.75) (davon 3 nur fuer ein halbes Jahr), sowie 22 Anzeigen (davon 2 nur fuer ein halbes Jahr) \$75.25; zusammen \$350.60.

Der Kassenbestand am 14. Maerz 1. J., nachdem alles (auch die Maerznummer) bezahlt ist, betraegt mit dem Ueberschuss von letzten Jahr \$363.45, wovon \$4.50 fuer 1936 und 50c fuer 1937 einbezahlte Lesegebuehren abzuziehen sind, somit fuer 1935 \$358.45 bleiben. Die Auslagen bis zum Jahreschluss werden voraussichtlich etwa \$275 betragen, somit sollte am Jahresschluss ein Ueberschuss fuer 1935 mindestens (rund) von \$80 bleiben plus \$5.00 wie oben erwaeht fuer 1936 und 1937.



Meinem Vorsatze bei der Uebernahme der Schriftleitung treu bleibend, verzichte ich auch dieses Jahr auf die Gratifikation. Ich wuerde es aber gerne sehen, wenn die Distriktkonferenz etwa \$10 fuer die Distriktskasse, \$10 fuer Innere Mission im Distrikt und \$10 fuer Diakonievereinskasse ueberweisen wuerde. Es wuerde doch noch ein Ueberschuss in diesem Jahre von ueber \$50 bleiben.

Allen lieben Amtsbruedern, Abonnenten, Anzeigegebern und Korrespondenten, die unser officielles Distriktsorgan treu unterstuetzt haben, gebuehrt seitens des Distrikts herzlicher Dank! Zum Schluss wuensche ich unserem Distriktsorgan bestes Gedeihen fuer die Zukunft.

Achtungsvoll unterbreitet,

*Jos. Jaworski*, Schriftleiter.

### **Annual Report of the Committee for Pension and Relief**

March, 1933.

Dear Brother:

Of the forty pastors and one teacher of the district there are thirty-four pastors and the one teacher members of the Pension Fund. Four pastors are pensioned, two are temporarily disabled, one draws pension, because his salary is below the minimum; one is without a charge and being below pension age, receives special relief. Special relief has been granted also to our Brother H. Schulz, in Burton.

Six pastors' widows receive pension, and one widow special relief. Brother John Meiller had to apply for pension and relief on account of disability. We were glad to be able to give him and his family a home in our own "Eden Evangelical Pastor's Home."

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE:

*Theo. Wobus.*

*Carl Stadler,*

*A. Romanowski*, Chairman.

### **Annual Report of the Inspector for the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association**

To Rev. Robert Mohr, President of the Texas District:

#### **STATISTICAL REPORT**

101 A, AC, Ad, Policies .....	\$457,852.00
41 B Policies .....	69,975.00
Total Amount for 142 Policies .....	527,827.00
Entrance Fees .....	11.15
Sub. Assessments .....	2.40
14th Assessments .....	1,246.05
Loss, Friedens, Washington .....	20.40
Gain in A Policies .....	2
Gain in B Policies .....	2
Loss in Amount of Insurance under A's .....	13,525.00
Gain in Amount of Insurance under B's .....	418.00



Since June 1st, 1935, the Association has been writing a new form of policy. It has been favorably received in every case of renewal and several new policies have been written too. We are grateful that every one has been so willing to understand the aims of the Association. The new policy will be still better appreciated as its advantages are better known.

Respectfully submitted,

*E. H. Schwengel.*

### **Report of the Treasurer of the District**

Receipts for 1933 brought forward.....	\$419.76
Receipts for 1934 .....	412.26
Receipts for 1935.....	134.58
Total Receipts to Date.....	\$966.60
Disbursements for 1933 brought forward.....	\$477.46
Disbursements for 1934.....	161.98
Disbursements for 1935, Jan. 1 to May 14.....	239.99
Total Disbursements .....	\$879.43
Balance, May 14, 1935.....	\$ 87.17

*R. C. Malitz, Jr., Treasurer.*

### **Annual Report of Budget Contributions for the Budget Year 1934**

Numbers speak. Here they tell us about the success in congregational efforts to make contributions for the great Synodical work, which is indeed the work of all our congregations combined to do our share in the Kingdom of Christ.



Place and Church	1934 Quota	Contributions		Totals	Percent of Quota	Quota 1935
		Budget	Designations			
New Baden, Ebenezer .....	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 67.00	558½	\$ 18.00
Lewisville, Friedens .....	120.00	161.00	138.50	299.50	250	150.00
Dime Box, St. John .....	24.00	24.00	10.00	34.00	142	24.00
Robinson, St. John .....	110.00	110.00	45.75	155.75	141½	125.00
Houston, Christ .....	210.00	5.00*				
Weimar, Ev. Luth. ....	180.00	210.00	58.00	273.00	130	225.00
Three Oaks, Friedens .....	60.00	117.66	104.89	222.55	123%	200.00
		25.00*				
Richland, St. John .....	320.00	35.00	14.00	74.00	123½	60.00
Coupland, St. Peter .....	330.00	259.30	124.00	383.30	120	320.00
Gay Hill, Friedens .....	38.00	258.67	132.00	390.67	118½	330.00
Washington, Friedens .....	330.00	44.47	—	44.47	117	50.00
Houston, First Ev. ....	1660.00	247.91	135.00	382.91	116	330.00
Waco, Zion .....	275.00	1419.89	505.50	1925.39	116	1700.00
Tynan, Friedens .....	18.00	250.00	63.75	313.75	114	275.00
Cego, St. Paul .....	96.00	20.00	—	20.00	111	50.00
West, St. Peter .....	88.00	96.00	10.00	106.00	110½	96.00
Corpus Christi, U. Ev. ....	80.00	51.18	44.50	95.68	108¾	90.00
Md. Prairie, St. Stephen .....	24.00	45.42	38.50	83.92	105	80.00
Dallas, St. Paul .....	420.00	24.56	—	24.56	102½	30.00
Orange Grove, Ev. Luth. ....	50.00	233.82	186.56	420.38	100	300.00
Cottonwood, St. Peter .....	103.00	50.00	—	50.00	100	75.00
		30.90*				
Birch, Salem .....	60.00	35.95	31.50	98.35	91	100.00
		30.70	23.50	54.20	90	60.00



Place and Church	1934 Quota	Contributions		Totals	Percent of Quota	Quota 1935
		Budget	Designations			
Augusta, St. James .....	182.00	115.91	42.75	158.66	87	182.00
Spring, Immanuel .....	98.00	60.20	25.00	85.20	87	100.00
Needville, Immanuel .....	360.00	179.04	126.40	305.44	85	400.00
Wornack, Zion .....	175.00	72.79	53.65	126.44	72½	175.00
Cayote, St. John .....	90.00	36.50	28.00	64.50	71½	100.00
San Antonio, Ev. Comm. ....	120.00	85.00	—	85.00	71	110.00
San Antonio, Friedens .....	264.00	179.81	4.00	183.81	69¾	250.00
Ft. Worth, St. John .....	300.00	150.65	55.00	205.65	68½	250.00
Lyons, Immanuel .....	24.00	15.85	—	15.85	66	24.00
Rowena, Zoar .....	250.00	147.00	10.00	157.00	62.8	250.00
Otto, St. John .....	300.00	160.00	24.00	184.00	61½	300.00
Burton, St. John .....	360.00	137.02	72.10	209.12	58	360.00
New Bielau .....	90.00	47.00	5.25	52.25	58	100.00
Cypress, Christ .....	72.00	20.84	18.00	38.84	54	60.00
Kurten, Zion .....	180.00	45.55	51.25	96.80	53¾	180.00
Burlington, St. John .....	143.00	25.28*	48.00	73.28	51½	150.00
Beasley, Friedens .....	334.00	67.60	91.88	159.48	47¾	300.00
Houston, Bethel .....	480.00	225.00	—	225.00	47	450.00
Gerald, St. Paul .....	297.00	55.71	83.20	138.91	46¾	300.00
San Angelo, Immanuel .....	72.00	30.74	—	30.74	42½	75.00
White Oak, St. John .....	24.00	10.25	—	10.25	42½	24.00
Zuehl, Redeemer .....	200.00	84.80	—	84.80	42½	250.00
Marlin, St. Paul .....	300.00	12.35*	107.50	119.85	40	300.00
Cibolo, St. Paul .....	152.00	51.62	7.28	58.90	38¾	152.00
New Braunfels, 1 Prot. ....	360.00	136.69	—	136.69	38	720.00



Place and Church	1934 Quota	Contributions		Totals	Percent of Quota	Quota 1935
		Budget	Designations			
Kyle, St. John .....	200.00	62.50	12.50	75.00	37½	180.00
Seguin, Cross .....	190.00	66.03	4.00	70.03	37	150.00
Riesel, Friedens .....	75.00	26.00	—	26.00	34½	100.00
Schulenburg, Ev. Luth. ....	360.00	25.00*	—	—	—	—
Lockhart, Christ .....	120.00	40.00	48.00	113.00	31½	200.00
Spring Branch, St. Peter .....	20.00	35.00	—	35.00	29	150.00
Woodsboro, Christ .....	24.00	5.09	—	5.09	25	20.00
Geronimo, Friedens .....	200.00	5.00	—	5.00	20%	36.00
Converse, Friedens .....	24.00	33.11	—	33.11	16½	200.00
Cypress, Lucas St. ....	18.00	—	—	—	—	24.00
Electra, Zion .....	36.00	—	—	—	—	18.00
Karnes City, 1 Evang. ....	22.00	—	—	—	—	24.00
Marion, Luth. Mel. ....	12.00	—	—	—	—	12.00
Mooreville, Zion .....	18.00	—	—	—	—	24.00
Altenheim .....	—	8.10	—	8.10	—	—
L. & H. Bendendoerfer, Hillsboro .....	—	—	9.00	9.00	—	—
	<u>\$11339.00</u>	<u>\$6257.46</u>	<u>\$2647.71</u>	<u>\$8905.17</u>	<u>78.54</u>	<u>\$11412.00</u>

(Note \* indicates amounts forwarded for 1933 after Feb. 1, 1934.)

*Jul. Joh. Kasiske, Vice-Pres. of Dist.*



## **Report of the Laymen's Meeting May 16, 1935**

Presiding Officer: Mr. W. F. Puls.

Opening Prayer: Matthew 9: 37-38.

A detailed address was delivered by Delegate C. G. Schietinger and his subject was "Church and the Synodical Program." On the suggestion of the Houston delegate, H. J. Salge, it was resolved that a permanent laymen's organization be formed and a copy of the minutes of this meeting be mimeographed for distribution to laymen before adjourning of the conference, and it was further resolved that the District Secretary be provided with a copy of such for use at *future* conferences.

The following officers were elected to serve until the next district conference: president, Mr. C. G. Schietinger, Weimar, Texas; vice-president, Mr. R. C. Malitz, 1503 Milby St., Houston, Texas; secretary-treasurer, Mr. E. G. Hudel, Fed. Res. Bk., Dallas, Texas.

The advisability of organizing a Brotherhood in all Texas churches was discussed and the respective pastors should be urged to support this phase of church work.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "This body goes on record favoring stricter supervision and discipline of pastors and congregations and provision for central authority with power to station pastors for definite time periods."

Upon discussing the apparent indifference existing among members of congregations, the great lack of information was considered the chief factor and it was therefore resolved: "The district council be requested to find ways and means of providing each family with the Gemindebote, since it was felt that each member was entitled to receive news and information of general interest in the district." At a special meeting of the laymen held Friday afternoon, May 17, the following resolution was presented for consideration: "Resolved: That the district council recommends to the Texas District that a standing committee of 4 laymen (one from each region) be elected by laymen of the Texas District for the term of 4 years to take charge of all promotional work among laymen." Upon due deliberation the resolution was accepted and the following laymen were elected: Waco Region, E. G. Hudel, Chairman; Brazos Region, C. G. Schietinger; San Antonio Region, Chas. Schlake; Houston Region, R. L. Scheef.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. C. Malitz, Jr., Secretary.*

This report was received with thanks, but no further action taken.

### **Resolutions**

#### **President of the Synod**

1. The Texas District is in full accord with the President of the Synod in emphasizing as our foremost duty the preaching of Christ and the practical application of his teachings to all relationships of life.



2. With rejoicing hearts, we gratefully note the unfolding of the practical aspects of the so happily consummated union with the Reformed Church in the United States, as evidenced in the growing fellowship and blending of interests among pastors, congregations, and the various official boards.

3. The Texas District sincerely mourns the passing of our faithful president, Rev. C. W. Locher, regrets that the highly valued services of his successor, Rev. Paul Press, terminated so soon, and extends the hand of full cooperation to our present leader, Rev. F. C. Klick.

4. The District fully appreciates the promotional work done under present trying conditions by the various executive secretaries of our synodical boards.

5. The Texas District deplores the alarming minimum reached in our giving for kingdom work throughout the Synod, and urgently requests every congregation in the district to do its utmost for the year 1935 in support of the synodical budget.

6. In keeping with the traditional policy of our denomination, the district expects all congregations and pastors to use only pure and unspotted methods in the raising of money for our program work.

#### **District President**

1. The Texas District agrees with its president that the church of today must find faith that faces storms fearlessly if it wants to survive.

2. The Texas District endorses with minor changes the resolutions of the district council: "Resolved: that the district council recommends to the Texas District that a standing committee of four laymen (one from each region) be elected by the laymen of the Texas District for the term of four years to take charge of all promotional work among the laymen."

3. The Texas District gratefully commends the First Evangelical Church of Houston and its pastor, Rev. D. Baltzer, for its missionary spirit which manifested itself in the liberal gifts to its two sister churches in Houston, Christ Evangelical and Bethel Evangelical. (Rising vote).

4. The Texas District was happy to have at its conference, the President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Dr. Geo. W. Richards; Rev. F. C. Klick, President of the Synod; Rev. F. A. Goetsch, Executive Secretary of Foreign Missions, and Mrs. Lillian Lang, Field Secretary of the Evangelical Society of Medical Missions.

5. The Texas District thanks the Board of the Home for the Aged and its Superintendent, Rev. and Mrs. John Dippel, and the evangelical churches of San Antonio and their pastors for their splendid hospitality and instructs the president to give expression of this at an opportune time.

6. The Texas District expresses its sincere appreciation for the devoted service of its president, Rev. Robert Mohr.



## **Home Missions—District and Synod**

### **A. DISTRICT**

1. The Texas District acknowledges the faithful work that has been done by the District Board of Home Missions under the present conditions of unrest, and gives them a deserving vote of thanks, expressing its confidence in their future management of home mission problems in our district and pledging its loyal support to their work.

2. The Texas District acknowledges the sincere efforts of the mission congregations and rejoices in their steadfastness and accomplishments under the difficult financial conditions and urges them to carry on the most precious work entrusted to them in the name of Christ in establishing his kingdom in their respective communities.

3. The Texas District pledges to all of our home mission congregations its loyal support and requests the stronger congregations and also the pastors of these congregations to lend aid and support to the weaker ones, because we are all one body in Christ and in these distressing times must learn to pool our resources.

4. The Texas District expresses its great appreciation for the splendid financial help and great personal services given to quite a few of our mission churches by various congregations, laymen and supply pastors.

5. The Texas District draws the attention of all the pastors and congregations of the district to the fact that there is a district home missions treasury and urgently requests them to make liberal designations to this treasury in order to strengthen this work in our district.

### **B. SYNOD**

1. The Texas District acknowledges the strenuous efforts of the Central Home Mission Board to keep up the work of home missions in our Synod, which is inseparably connected with the existence and development of our Synod, and pledges the wholehearted support of the district to this work.

2. The Texas District thanks and praises God that considerable progress has been made and fine fruits have been added to his kingdom work, and that he has placed at the disposal of this work many loyal and capable workers in offices and fields.

### **Diakonie Verein**

1. We are grateful to our heavenly Father for his grace and guidance, which he bestowed upon our Home during the 25 years of its service.

2. The District feels itself in hearty accord with the purpose of the Diakonie Verein, to enlist our people for the promotion of the welfare of our Home for the Aged, and the Pastor's Homes.

3. We express to the Dallas Brotherhood our hearty appreciation for publication and distribution of their excellent pamphlet, "Our Pride." (Rising vote.)

4. We recognize with grateful appreciation the work of the existing Diakonie Verein and we wish to see a greater interest and a more



liberal support by organizing a Diakonie Verein within every congregation of the Texas District. We are able to do so when our people are properly approached and informed.

#### **Gemeindebote**

1. We thank the editor of the Gemeindebote, Rev. J. Jaworski, for his unselfish services and we feel deeply indebted for his generous editorship. (Rising vote.)

2. In view of the valuable service he has given as editor in the past, the Texas District asks him to continue to serve as editor of the Gemeindebote.

3. We expect all pastors and congregations to assist and cooperate with the editor by gaining new subscribers and sending in items of interest.

4. Regarding the surplus, an occasion of joy, the District, according to the wishes of Rev. Jaworski, designates: ten dollars to the treasury of the district; ten dollars to the treasury of the Texas Home Mission Board; and ten dollars to the Diakonie Verein.

#### **Church Extension, Pension, Fire and Storm**

1. The Texas District commends the Extension Fund Board for its labors under difficulties, approves its close cooperation with the Home Mission Board, and is particularly grateful for its help in our district.

2. The Texas District fully endorses the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association and recommends that all its pastors, workers, and congregations avail themselves of its services. We also appreciate the new policies and urge all who are eligible to take advantage of them.

3. We appreciate the untiring efforts of our District Inspector, Rev. E. H. Schwengel, in carefully attending to our policies and especially with regard to renewing under the new policies.

4. We are glad that it was possible to increase the pension last year in spite of prevailing conditions.

5. The Conference urges all its pastors and delegates to a greater support of our own Eden Pastor's Home.

#### **Eden Theological Seminary**

1. The Texas District concurs with Dr. S. D. Press in his statement that since Christ's own self rooted in God and drew the power from God in order to live his religion, which was to do the will of God regardless of its consequences, it must needs be the theology of the Evangelical Christian minister courageously to follow in the footsteps of the Master, even at the cost of material and earthly profits and the honor of man.

2. Since theology is the greatest of all sciences and has to do with the actualities of life, the Texas District endorses not only the raising of the entrance requirements to a full A.B. course, but also the more organized attention and efforts of field work.



3. The Texas District believes that as soon as the faith and religion of all ministers and church members of the Synod is rooted in God and draws its strength from God, the financial clouds will vanish.

4. The Texas District congratulates the ministers and Evangelical church members of St. Louis and vicinity for the convocations, special lectures, musicales, etc., they may attend and endorses fully such undertakings.

5. The Texas District believes that the guiding of the field work is a big enough and important enough job for one suitable man, to give his full time and thought to it, and recommends that it be done as soon as the financial and other conditions of the seminary permit it.

#### **Elmhurst College**

1. The Texas District notes with much satisfaction that our Elmhurst College is now fully accredited and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. We accept these achievements as a challenge to become more loyal and more generous in our support not only of the work of higher education of our future ministers and Evangelical youth but also of the kingdom at large.

2. The Texas District emphasizes the fact that educational work is a live and most important work, and just as important as missionary work,—yea—it is missionary work with our youth and therefore a duty of every Christian; we also firmly believe that steady growth is a logical consequence of real natural as well as spiritual life and a more generous support of our educational institutions would be a tangible proof of spiritual growth and vitality.

3. The Texas District extends a cordial welcome to the new members of the faculty and wishes them God's richest blessings for their heart, hearth and work.

4. The Texas District resolves that the needed full-time field representative be engaged, and another woman be added to the faculty.

5. The Texas District resolves that all of its pastors and congregations should cooperate with the board and faculty of Elmhurst College by doing according to the recommendations. (Page 41 of Annual Reports.)

6. The Texas District expresses its gratitude to the boards and faculties of Eden Seminary and Elmhurst College respectively for their faithfulness and sacrifices in their work under the present conditions and confesses that much retrenchment would not have been necessary if every pastor and church member would have done at least his duty.

#### **Christianity and Social Problems**

1. Resolved that the Texas District appreciates the fine "Christmas and Lenten Messages" of the Commission of Christianity and Social Problems.

2. Resolved that the Texas District commend the Commission for its part in furnishing film estimates for the *Tidings* and *Light Bearer*; and recommends the estimates to our people for their use.



3. Resolved that the president of our district be instructed to appoint a district committee to work in cooperation with the commission.
4. Resolved that the Texas District deplores the lack of financial help given this Commission, which all but crippled this work, and that this Commission is under special need for our designations.
5. Resolved that we approve the statement of "Functions" of the merged Commissions as given in the last two paragraphs on page 154 of the report.

#### Federated Activities

1. The Women's Federations of the Texas District are to be commended for their splendid efforts in helping to make the members of individual congregations *Kingdom minded* through the use of their monthly program and distribution of "Daily Talks with God."
2. We recommend that the fifteenth birthday (1936) of the Evangelical Women's Union be observed also in our district in a special way.
3. We rejoice in the fact that our men are becoming more informed and loyal to the program and activities of the congregation and kingdom at large through the activities of the Brotherhoods, and therefore, recommend the organization of Brotherhoods where they do not as yet exist. We heartily endorse the annual projects as outlined by our secretary, Rev. H. L. Streich. (Page 12 of 1935 report.)
4. We rejoice that more of the young people of our Texas District are becoming *Kingdom minded* and are taking up some special form of kingdom work. For instance, deaconess work; and therefore recommend the loyal and hearty support of the work of Federated Charities by each congregation.

#### Christian Education

1. The Texas District agrees with the Synodical Board of Religious Education that the goal of Christian Education must be to shape the lives of ourselves and of our children after the perfect pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.
2. The Texas District acknowledges the splendid work and results of the Synodical and the District Boards of Religious Education in the maintaining and developing of the Evangelical Leadership Training Schools in spite of constant financial handicaps.
3. We urge that all of our churches send workers and prospective workers to the Lone Star E. L. T. S. and supplement the work of this school by local training classes.
4. In view of the fact that the purpose of the schools are likely to be mis-interpreted by some of the students, we recommend that the name of the Evangelical Leadership Training Schools be changed to *Evangelical Training School for Service*.
5. We urge all of our churches to avail themselves of the valuable service offered by the Synodical Board of Religious Education.
6. The Texas District realizes the great value of the Home Department in extending the usefulness of the Sunday school and urges all churches without a Home Department to organize one.



### **Executive Secretary and Annuities**

1. The Texas District appreciates very much the double work being done by the Executive Secretary through his being elected as one of the secretaries of the Executive Committee of the new church.

2. The Texas District highly recommends the promotional booklet on the Evangelical and Reformed Church and is thankful for the publication of the Lenten pamphlets.

3. The Texas District rejoices that a special department for the handling of slide material is to take care of this very important branch of the promotional work.

4. The Texas District is in favor of having all reports of the district conference published in one volume and that therefore some definite arrangements should be made in order to make this possible.

5. The Texas District agrees to the formation of a Kingdom Service Committee for the united promotional efforts of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

6. It is gratifying to note that quite a number of loyal Evangelical people helped our Synod through annuities and it is to be hoped that more of our people might be willing to assist our church in this way.

### **Foreign Missions**

1. The Texas District pays tribute to the splendid work of Dr. Menzel, who passed from our midst since the last district conference.

2. The Texas District expresses its appreciation in the wonderful work the Women's Union, the Evangelical Society for Medical Missions, and the individuals of our church have done toward the upbuilding of our foreign mission work.

3. The Texas District rejoices that the Foreign Mission Boards of the two constituencies of our Evangelical and Reformed Church could take some steps in integrating their work, and hope that this work might come to a fuller realization in the not too distant future.

4. The Texas District rejoices that we have had the good fortune in acquiring a new medical missionary, Dr. Freund, for our India field.

5. The Texas District expresses its regret in the loss of Mrs. Helen Enslin Suger for our Foreign Mission cause, due to ill health on her part and wishes her a speedy recovery.

6. The Texas District rejoices that two new mission stations could be opened in Honduras during the last year, namely Yoro and Pinalejo.

7. The Texas District hopes and prays that the vacancies in our Foreign Mission fields may soon be replaced; namely for India, one ordained missionary and two college-trained young women; and for Honduras, one ordained missionary.

8. The Texas District believes that the way to raise our budget is by giving information on Christian missions through the mission writings of our church, namely, "Fliegende Missionsblaetter"; "Our Work"; "Our Mission Sunday (for juniors) Foreign Mission Departments of the Friedensbote and the Evangelical Herald.



9. The Texas District recommends that its members get acquainted with the monthly missionary periodical, "Outlook for Mission" published by the Reformed Church, and hopes that this periodical will become the missionary periodical of the united church.

10. The Texas District commends the splendid missionary material of the Missionary Education Movement.

#### **Miscellaneous Resolutions**

1. Resolved that the following congregations be excused and exempted from participation in the traveling expenses: Luther Melancthon at Marion, St. John's at Dime Box, Salems at Birch, Christ at Lockhart.

2. Resolved that Rev. A. Walton and Rev. Anderson be excused from the conference sessions and also participation in traveling expenses and that the secretary of the district be instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Rev. Walton.

3. Resolved that Rev. G. Mornhinweg be excused for the remainder of the conference but participate in traveling expenses. (Beginning with Friday morning.)

4. Resolved that the secretary of the district express the sympathy and well wishes to the district to Rev. Voegtling.

5. Resolved that the conference go on record as expressing its heartfelt sympathy in the bereavement sustained by the dear ones of Mrs. Scheef of Marlin.

6. Resolved to instruct delegates and pastors in making their reports to their churches and church councils, to send monthly contributions to the budget.

7. Resolved that average traveling expense of \$5.22 for laymen be raised to \$5.25 and for ministers from \$4.04 to \$4.05, the surplus to go into the district treasury.

8. Resolved that the Texas District express its heartfelt thanks to Rev. Martin Ernst for stenciling and mimeographing the resolutions of the various committees.

9. In view of the fact that we cannot serve the Evangelical Zion Church near Electra and we have been approached by the United Lutheran Church with the willingness to serve said church from Vernon, be it resolved, that the Texas Board for Home Missions be authorized by this district, to negotiate with the United Lutheran Church and work out a satisfactory plan and reach a definite conclusion.

10. Resolved that we receive the report of the laymen's meeting with thanks.

#### **Results of Elections**

*District Council:* President, Rev. O. A. Meyer, Weimar, Texas; Vice-president, Rev. C. Wolff, 627 S. 8th St., Waco, Texas; Secretary, Rev. R. F. Kuretsch, Cibolo, Texas; Treasurer, Mr. R. C. Malitz, 1503 Milby St., Houston, Texas. Members at Large, Mr. H. J. Salge, 2422 Eagle St., Houston, Texas, (1941); Rev. H. G. Borne, New Braunfels, Texas, (1939); Mr. Alex Scheef, R. R. 1, Marlin, Texas, (1937).



*District Counsellor:* Mr. Leon Jaworski, Houston, Texas.

*Representatives on General Council:* Rev. R. Mohr, (1937); Mr. E. G. Hudel, (1937).

*District Court:* Rev. J. Strausz, Rev. J. Meiller, Rev. E. H. Schwengel, Mr. I. H. Blume, Mr. C. G. Schietinger.

*District Trustees:* Rev. D. Baltzer, Mr. J. Rummel, Mr. A. J. Weisz.

*Editor of Gemeindebote:* Rev. J. Jaworski.

*Fire Insurance Inspector:* Rev. E. H. Schwengel.

*District Board for Home Missions:* Rev. R. Mohr, (1941); Rev. C. Wolff, (1939); Rev. D. Baltzer, (1937); Mr. W. Puls, (1941); Mr. Fred Gerke, (1939); Mr. Hugo v. John, (1937).

*District Board for Foreign Missions:* Rev. C. Mueller, (1941); Rev. T. Wobus, (1939); Mr. C. W. Pfluger, (1937).

*District Board for Christian Education:* Rev. P. Rahmeier, (1941); Rev. M. Ernst, (1939); Rev. C. Wolff, (1937); Mrs. Clara Schwengel, (1941); Miss Henrietta Jahnke, (1939); Miss Leona Poppe, (1937).

*District Pension Board:* Rev. A. Romanowski, (1941); Rev. Wm. Scholze, (1939); Mr. R. L. Scheef, (1939).

*District Board of Examiners:* Rev. J. Kasiske, (1941); Rev. G. Krebs, (1939); Rev. C. Wolff, (1937).

*District Board for Brotherhood:* Rev. Wm. Scholze, Rev. F. Anderson, Rev. A. Greeb.

*District Committee for Women's Union:* Rev. Carl Stadler, Rev. C. A. Koenig.

*District Committee for Evangelism:* Rev. E. Puhlmann, Rev. P. C. Kniker, Mr. A. R. Scheef.

*Kingdom Service Committee:* Rev. A. Romanowski.

*District Committee on Christianity and Social Problems:* Rev. E. H. Schwengel, Rev. R. Mohr, Rev. W. H. Aufderhaar.

*Caretaker of Robinson Academy Property:* Rev. J. Strausz.

*Representative of Texas District on Schmidtschen Trustees:* Rev. R. Mohr.

Respectfully,

Paul C. Kniker, Conference Secretary.

Approved:

O. A. Meyer, Moderator and President.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**43rd CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
**(Evangelical and Reformed Church)**

Held in  
**Zion Evangelical Church**  
**St. Joseph, Missouri**  
Rev. F. Stoerker, Pastor

**June 4 to 8, 1935**

Conference Theme: *The Greater Task: A Challenge to Our Membership*  
Conference Motto: *Every Member Kingdom Minded*

The Forty-Third Conference of the West Missouri District opened with a Communion Service at two-thirty p. m. on the above date at Zion Evangelical Church, St. Joseph, Missouri. Rev. G. Kreuzenstein of Billingsville, conducted the liturgical service, and Rev. Theo. Hauck of Higginsville, led our meditation, basing his inspirational address on the words of Paul, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-29. Having been thus prepared for a proper approach to the table of the Lord, the entire Conference membership partook of the Blessed Sacrament.

At the close of this service, the Committees undertook their respective tasks.

**Opening Service**

At eight o'clock p. m. the Conference met again at a service of divine worship. Rev. F. Stoerker, Pastor of Zion Church, was in charge of the service, and at the proper time also extended the welcome of Zion Church to the Conference. Dr. George W. Richards, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, preached on the theme "The Christian Control of Life," using as his text 1 Corinthians 6: 12, "All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." He showed how this statement of Paul was a declaration of freedom and likewise an affirmation of self-control. He pointed out the fallacies of the Ascetic and Libertine in their attitude toward the things of life, suggesting in their place the Christ-way, challenging all to come under the control of this power of the universe—love. He declared the primary function of the church to be the propagation of the Christian attitude, which is greater than law and



pointed out that we have as our help for this purpose the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

The Conference program set aside a period each morning for devotional purposes. Rev. N. Lehmann of Hartsburg, led in these devotions, taking as his theme, "The Divine Power Hath Granted Unto Us All Things That Pertain Unto Life and Godliness." He treated this subject in the three sub-topics, (a) "The Source of Power." (b) "The Distribution of Power." (c) "The Individual Appropriation of Power." Text 2 Peter 1: 2-3.

### **Members of the West Missouri District**

#### **Pastors**

Rev. J. C. Bierbaum, California, Missouri, President  
Rev. Paul Niedermeyer, Levasy, Missouri, Vice-President  
Rev. E. F. Abele, Boonville, Missouri, Secretary  
Mr. W. H. Buschmeyer, Boonville, Missouri, Treasurer

Abele, E. F., Boonville  
Abele, J., Blue Springs  
Beissenherz, E. H., Wellington  
Berlekamp, E. W., Jefferson City  
Bierbaum, J. C., California  
Bittner, S. P., Kansas City  
Bruse, J., (Em.) Blue Springs  
Esser, William F., St. Joseph  
Gabler, C., Grand Pass  
Gadow, F., (Em.) California  
Grathwohl, Carl, Parkville  
Hauck, J., Napoleon  
Hauck, Theo., Higginsville  
Imel, F. W., Florence  
Jensen, D. C., Lexington  
Kreuzenstein, G., Billingsville  
Kreuger, G. H., Emma  
Kissling, Karl G., (Em.) Blue Springs  
Lehman, N., Hartsburg  
Mueller, H., Pilot Grove  
Niedermeyer, Paul, Levasy  
Nottrott, K. W., (Em.) Blue Springs  
Nussmann, G., Concordia  
Pfundt, Theo., Mayview  
Rumpf, Oscar, Kansas City  
Sabrowsky, C. F., (Em.) Independence  
Sauer, J., (Em.) Kansas City  
Schwantes, Charles, Columbia  
Schmidt, Carl H., Arrow Rock  
Schmidt, John L., Jamestown  
Schulz, Austin, Independence  
Schultz, N. C., New Franklin



Seybold, M. L., Blackburn  
Stoerker, F., St. Joseph  
Wahl, Edwin H., Jamestown

**Members at Large of District Council**

Mr. Jacob Weisser, Jamestown  
Mr. Albert T. Loewer, Sedalia—2 Years  
Rev. Theo. Hauck, Higginsville—4 Years

**Congregations and Delegates**

CALIFORNIA REGION

Billingsville, St. John, H. C. Friedrich  
Boonville, Evangelical, H. W. Bueker  
Brazito, Friedens  
California, Evangelical, Ed. C. Nischwitz  
Columbia, Student Congregation, Wilma Zagrodzky  
Florence, St. John, W. Rodenbach  
Hartsburg, Friedens, E. Begemann  
Jamestown, St. Paul, J. E. Beutler  
Jefferson City, Central, Carl Bosch  
Lamb, Immanuel  
McGirk, Salem, A. Hegg  
Moniteau, Advent, J. C. Baer  
New Franklin, Immanuel, A. Hackman  
Pilot Grove, St. Paul, Dan Schupp  
Prairie Home, St. Peter  
Sedalia, Immanuel, J. E. Smith  
West Boonville, Zion

KANSAS CITY REGION

Blue Springs, Pastors' Home  
Independence, St. Luke, H. H. Webbink  
Kansas City, St. Paul, Mrs. J. L. Hess  
Kansas City, St. Peter, H. H. Heins  
Levasy, Ebenezer, F. Borgman  
Parkville, St. Matthew, Mrs. Florence Hansen  
St. Joseph, Trinity, F. W. Schmidt  
St. Joseph, Zion, R. S. Trachsel

LAFAYETTE REGION

Arrow Rock, Zion, A. Rinne  
Blackburn, St. Paul, L. Nolte  
Concordia, Bethel  
Emma, St. John  
Grand Pass, Evangelical, E. Hotz  
Higginsville, Salem, S. Starkebaum  
Lexington, Trinity, H. Hellwig  
Little Rock, Salem  
Mayview, Zion, John Sander  
Napoleon, St. Paul, H. Wildschuetz  
Wellington, St. Luke, T. J. Schaberg



### Roll Call

In response to the call of the roll, twenty-nine pastors, twenty-seven representatives of churches and three lay members of the District Council were noted present. This number, representing a quorum, the Conference was officially declared to be ready for the transaction of business.

### Election of Moderator

Rev. J. C. Bierbaum, President, was elected Moderator and Rev. Paul Niedermeyer, Vice-President was elected Vice-Moderator.

The committee on credentials made the recommendation to give voice and vote to the representatives of the churches. This was done by unanimous vote.

### Conference Committees

*Committee on Credentials*—Pastors: N. Schultz, W. Esser. Delegates: Concordia.

*Program*—Pastors: F. Stoerker, W. Esser.

*Report of President of Evangelical Synod and Treasurer of Synod, and Synodical Budget*—Pastors: Theo. Pfundt, J. Abele, J. Hauck. Delegates: Billingsville, K. C. St. Peters, Parkville, Mr. J. Weissner.

*District President, District Treasurer, District Budget* (appointed by Vice-President—Pastors: G. Kreuzenstein, N. Lehman, O. Rumpf. Delegates: Lexington, Boonville, Grand Pass.

*Report of Educational Institutions and Christianity and Social Problems*—Pastors: E. W. Berlekamp, E. H. Beissenherz, C. Schmidt. Delegates: Sedalia, St. Joseph (Trinity), Emma.

*Elmhurst-Eden Advance, Endowments and Trust Fund, Extension Fund, Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association*—Pastors: P. Niedermeyer, F. Imel, C. F. Sabrowsky. Delegates: Brazito, Moniteau, New Franklin.

*Report of District and Synodical Home Missions and Federation of Evangelical Charities*—Pastors: S. P. Bittner, J. L. Schmidt, C. Gabler. Delegates: California, Hartsburg, Florence.

*Report of Foreign Missions and Historical Commission*—Pastors: J. Sauer, M. Seybold, G. H. Krueger. Delegates: Higginsville, Jamestown, Wellington.

*Report of Pension and Relief and Executive Secretary of the General Council*—Pastors: D. C. Jensen, J. Bruse, E. H. Wahl. Delegates: Jefferson City, Pilot Grove, Levasy, Napoleon.

*Report of Religious Education and Publications*—Pastors: G. Nussmann, A. Schultz, C. Grathwohl. Delegates: Kansas City, St. Paul's; Arrow Rock, McGirk, Mr. A. T. Loewer.

*Report of Brotherhood, Women's Union, League*—Pastors: Theo. Hauck, C. Schwantes, H. Mueller. Delegates: Independence, Pleasant Grove, St. Joseph (Zion), Student Congregation, Columbia.

*Examination Committee*—Pastors of District Council.

*Excuse Committee*—Vice-Moderator.

*Report of Traveling Expense*—Pastors: D. C. Jensen, N. Schultz. Delegates: Mayview, Blackburn.



*Elections*—(a) Pastor O. Rumpf, Delegate from Higginsville. (b) Pastor C. Schwantes, Delegate from Hartsburg.

*Nominating Committee appointed by District Council*—Rev. W. F. Esser, Rev. M. Seybold, H. H. Webbink, J. E. Smith.

These Committees were to serve as per Conference program.

### **District President's Report**

"And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21: 22.

Dear Coworkers:

We are living in a time of serious unrest. In vain have the nations of the world been striving for peace. On every hand the spirit of dissention and strife, of hatred and contempt is keeping the nations in constant turmoil. Governments are being over-thrown, kingdoms are falling and new powers and new nations have sprung up. Serious national and international problems are taxing the genius of the world's greatest men to the utmost.

In this period of reconstruction and reconciliation the Church of Jesus Christ must take its portion of the task. Should the Church of today fail to grasp its opportunity and not use its God-given power to counter-balance the forces of evil, then the future outlook of the world will indeed be hopeless. There is but one means and one road that will lead us to victory. This road leads us through faith and prayer over Calvary to victory.

It is this road the Master trod. In the extreme moment of passion and agony he enters the sacred confines of Gethsemane and there finds comfort and strength in prayer. Through prayer he consecrates Himself and His work. Through faith and prayer He is able to bring the greatest sacrifice and in the end conquer over Satan, sin and death.

As the followers of Christ, this great heritage of power and strength has been bestowed upon us. Are we equal to the task? If this world of ours is to be saved, then the Church of Jesus Christ must save it. If the forces that are threatening the life of nations with destruction are to be curbed, then must the Church exert more and more its power and its influence. What this world needs more than ever today is men of holy vision and vigor, men filled with the conviction of Jesus, with a just cause and a consecrated life.

Thus and thus only will we be able to do our portion in the great task of re-construction and re-conciliation. Thus let us face the problems of our own Church. The Master's: "Lo, I am with you," was a promise not only to the early disciples but unto the Church forever. Our country, our homes and our congregations demand of us that the whole truth of Christ be declared consistently and with the thought of our scriptural quotation in mind let us begin the task before us: "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

In giving you a brief resume of the most outstanding facts and



activities of the district during the past conference year, let me begin with the

#### **Status of the District**

Thirty-five pastors and thirty-four congregations, plus the Blue Springs Pastor's Home and the Student Chapel in Columbia constitute our present enrollment.

#### **Changes in Pastorates**

Transferred to other Districts—Rev. Clyde Koehler to the Indiana District.

Received from other Districts—Rev. A. F. Schultz from the Missouri District.

Received from the president of Synod—Rev. Carl H. Grathwohl and Rev. Edwin A. Wahl.

Changes within the District—Rev. F. Stoerker from Boonville to Zion, St. Joseph; Rev. E. F. Abele from Sedalia to Boonville.

#### **Installations**

Rev. Charles Schwantes at the Student Chapel by the undersigned, April 29, 1934.

Rev. Carl H. Grathwohl at St. Matthew's Parkville by Rev. Paul Niedermeyer, September 16, 1934.

Rev. Edwin A. Wahl at the Moniteau Church, Jamestown, by the undersigned, September 23, 1934.

Rev. Austin F. Schultz at St. Luke's, Independence by Rev. E. H. Beissenherz, October 21, 1934.

Rev. F. Stoerker at Zion, St. Joseph, by Rev. William Esser, January 30, 1935.

Rev. E. F. Abele at Evangelical, Boonville, by Rev. J. Abele, assisted by Rev. J. Sauer, April 28, 1935.

#### **Ordinations**

The solemn rite of ordination was administered to Mr. Carl H. Grathwohl by Rev. G. Kreuzenstein, assisted by the undersigned and Rev. E. W. Berlekamp. Date: June 17, 1934.

#### **Application for Membership**

Rev. Edwin A. Wahl of the Moniteau Church, Jamestown and Rev. Carl H. Grathwohl of St. Matthew's Church, Parkville have made application for membership into the Synod. Both men are graduates of Eden Seminary and both are doing very fine work in their respective fields of work.

#### **In Memoriam**

Death has again entered into our ranks. Rev. W. Buehler came to his death suddenly when returning from his preaching appointment in Emma on Sunday, April 15, 1934. Burial was in Higginsville, April 19, 1934. The final summons also came to Mrs. P. C. Seybold of Blue Springs and Mrs. H. Krull of Kansas City. Likewise in every congregation death has held a harvest. We shall honor the memory of our beloved dead in a special memorial devotional.



### **Elmhurst-Eden Advance**

Rev. T. Lehman has written under date of February 28, 1935; "Increasingly it becomes evident that a good word from you to the membership of your District may mean the turning of the scale in favor of further enthusiastic co-operation." Let me therefore bring this matter again to your attention and urge upon all pastors to co-operate with Rev. Lehman for a most effective follow-up on all pledges. Total collections in our District from January 1, 1934 to January 1, 1935 amounted to \$2,521.25, making a grand total paid to date of \$11,228.25.

### **Communication from President of Synod**

"In accordance with a decision of the Executive Committee of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and on recommendation of its committee on correlation and promotion, there are to be elected or appointed in every district: "Kingdom Service Committees" whose duty it will be to promote the various kingdom agencies of the denomination in cooperation with the respective boards.

"It is the intention of calling all chairmen of these committees from both groups to meet this fall for a two day session with the committee on correlation and promotion. At that time a general plan of promotion will be submitted and a regular school of instruction held to insure that the plan will be properly carried out. For this reason it is very important that these committees be selected this spring.

"Since the chairman is to be the keyman in the district for all promotional activities, his personality is of considerable importance . . . . He should by all means, be someone whose loyalty to the larger cause is unquestioned and who is both able and willing to serve.

"We suggest that the other members of this committee be selected by choosing one from each region in the district, they in turn to serve as chairman of similar committees in the region. They should be chosen with equal care as the chairman and you should assure yourself of their ability and willingness to serve.

"Will you please take it upon yourself to see that this matter is attended to without delay and report the action taken to my office and addresses of the men selected.

"I count on your fullest cooperation in order that your district may be ably represented at the promotional meeting which is to be called for next fall."

### **Pastoral Conference**

The West Missouri District Pastoral Conference was held in Florence on October 23 and 24. The meeting was most helpful and the attendance was nearly perfect.

### **Student Chapel**

Mr. Herbert Bosch of Jefferson City was appointed by me to serve on the administration committee of the Student Chapel, as the representative of the West Missouri District. His term expires with the 1935 conference.



### **Conventions**

More and more so it seems we are living in the days of conventions. The following were held in the confines of our district since last we met in our 1934 conference:

Sunday School and League convention, Sedalia, June 12 and 13, 1934.

Brotherhood convention, St. Joseph, October 14, 1934.

Women's Union Group meetings, October 16, 17 and 18, 1934.

Sunday School One Day Institutes, November 13, 14 and 15, 1934.

Pastoral conference, Florence, October 23 and 24, 1934.

### **District Council**

Because of the removal of Rev. Clyde Koehler the vice-president of our district, to the Indiana District the following appointments were made by the district council: Rev. Paul Niedermeyer was appointed vice-president. Rev. E. F. Abele, member at large of the council was appointed secretary and Rev. Theo. Hauck was appointed member of the District council. Since our last conference in Boonville the council had four meetings as follows: May 11th, 1934, September 27th, 1934, special meetings, October 2nd, 1934 and January 24th, 1935. We have endeavored to fare justly with all matters and trust to have merited the approval of all members of the district.

### **Special Events**

Trinity Evangelical Church of St. Joseph, Rev. William Esser, celebrated the 60th anniversary of its organization, May 13, 1934.

St. Pauls Church of Blackburn, Rev. M. L. Seybold, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its organization, November 4, 1934.

St. Luke's Church, Independence, Rev. A. F. Schultz rededicated its improved house of worship on Sunday, May 12, 1935.

### **Regional Conferences**

I am having the presidents of our three Regions report. These reports speak for themselves. Our conference will have to make a definite decision concerning the future of this work.

### **Invitation**

Trinity Evangelical Church at Lexington is extending an invitation to meet in their church for the 1936 conference.

### **Our Hosts**

We are enjoying during the days of our conference the hospitality of Zion Church and its pastor and his good wife. They have made all preparations for our comfort and entertainment. We want to thank them for their readiness to serve us and for every effort to make our stay pleasant.

### **Guests**

We are to be honored with the presence of Rev. George W. Richards, D.D., president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Likewise we are to have the pleasure to have with us, Rev. Paul Press,



who is the Synodical representative, Rev. J. J. Braun, executive secretary of our Home Mission Board and Rev. Harmon J. McGuire.

We welcome these men most heartily.

Rev. J. J. Braun is to do promotional work in the confines of our District this year and he is to visit as many of our churches as possible from September 15th to 29th, inclusive.

#### **Closing**

In conclusion I want to express a word of thanks to my fellow officers who are serving with me as members of the District Council. All of them have served faithfully and deserve the gratitude of the District. As for myself, I should be pleased if the conference should see fit to terminate my service in office. I am appreciative of the honor you have bestowed upon me and grateful for the splendid co-operation accorded me.

Respectfully submitted,

*J. C. Bierbaum,*

President of the West Missouri District.

#### **Resolutions on President's Report**

The District heartily endorses the report of its President and especially commends the central thought, namely: "If the world is to be saved, then the Church of Jesus Christ must save it. There is but one means and one road that will lead us to the victory. The road of the Church leads through faith and prayer over Calvary to victory." We therefore pledge ourselves as a District, in this period of reconstruction and reconciliation, to assume our portion of this great task.

With reference to the work of the Regional Conferences, the District decides to make no changes until the new Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church is adopted.

The District gratefully accepts the invitation of Trinity Evangelical Church of Lexington to convene the 1936 Conference in their midst.

We, the District, appreciate the hospitality and kindnesses of Zion Evangelical Church, together with the Pastor and his wife, and instruct the President to publicly convey a word of gratitude to our kind hosts in the service on Thursday evening.

We are extremely happy to welcome our esteemed visitors, Dr. George W. Richards, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. F. C. Klick, President of the Evangelical Synod, the Rev. J. J. Braun, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, the Rev. Harmon J. McGuire, and Dr. J. C. Horning, both of St. Joseph, Missouri.

We wish to thank our President and fellow officers for their faithful work.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's financial report of the West Missouri District, showing the receipts and disbursements from February 20, 1934, to May 15, 1935, as follows:



1934

## RECEIPTS

February 20—Balance in treasury .....\$ 187.54

## 1934 West Missouri District dues as follows:

February 22—Jefferson City Cent. Evangelical Church .....	49.08
February 28—West Boonville Evangelical Church .....	.80
March 18—Blue Springs, Rev. Abele .....	1.80
March 31—Concordia Bethel Evangelical Church .....	12.00
March 31—Boonville Evangelical Church .....	32.32
April 5—Kansas City, St. Peters Church .....	39.68
April 12—Arrow Rock, Zion Evangelical Church .....	5.92
April 12—Billingsville, St. Paul Church .....	11.20
April 12—Blackburn, St. Paul Church .....	16.64
April 12—Emma, St. John Church .....	7.44
April 12—Florence, St. John Church .....	8.00
April 12—Lambs Immanuel Church .....	.64
April 12—Grand Pass, St. Lukes Church .....	3.92
April 12—Hartsburg, Friedens Evangelical Church .....	11.20
April 12—Higginsville, Salem Evangelical Church .....	37.20
April 12—Independence, St. Lukes Evangelical Church .....	16.40
April 12—Jamestown, St. Paul Evangelical Church .....	9.84
April 12—Moniteau, Advent Evangelical Church .....	11.28
April 12—Kansas City, St. Paul Evangelical Church .....	5.60
April 12—Levasy, Ebenezer Evangelical Church .....	12.80
April 12—Lexington, Trinity Evangelical Church .....	18.00
April 12—Mayview, Zion Evangelical Church .....	13.36
April 12—McGirk, Salem Evangelical Church .....	8.00
April 12—Napoleon, St. Paul Evangelical Church .....	8.40
April 12—New Franklin, Immanuel Church .....	15.76
April 12—Pilot Grove, St. Paul Evangelical Church .....	7.60
April 12—Pleasant Grove, St. Peters Evangelical Church .....	5.28
April 12—Sedalia, Immanuel Evangelical Church .....	24.96
April 12—St. Joseph, Trinity Evangelical Church .....	11.76
April 12—St. Joseph, Zions Evangelical Church .....	63.20
April 12—Little Rock, Salem Evangelical Church .....	5.20
April 22—Brazito, Friedens Evangelical Church .....	3.44
April 26—California, Evangelical Church .....	30.40
June 5—Parkville, St. Matthews Church Dues for 1933 .....	7.40
October 20—Parkville, St. Matthews Church dues for 1934 .....	5.20
December 30—Wellington St. Lukes Evangelical Church .....	32.64

Dues for 1933 and 1934 (Total) .....\$ 740.90

## 1935 Dues

May 1—Kansas City, St. Peters Evangelical Church .....	\$ 51.00
May 1—Boonville, Evangelical Church .....	36.00

Paid 1935 district dues (Total) .....\$ 87.00



*Dividends by Boonville National Bank*

March 18—3rd Dividend, Boonville National Bank, 13% .....	\$ 78.68
August 6—4th Dividend, Boonville National Bank, 13% .....	78.68
March 1—5th Dividend, Boonville National Bank, 10% .....	60.52
Refunds, February 22, 1934, Refund from Gen. Council Meeting, Webster Grove .....	2.90
May 11, 1934, Refund from District Council Meeting, Sedalia..	2.20
January 24, 1935, Refund from District Council Meeting, Sedalia .....	5.00
January 24, 1935, Refund from Cleveland Conference .....	26.14
<i>Grand Total of Receipts</i> .....	<u>\$1,082.02</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

District Council Expense	
February 22 at Concordia .....	\$ 22.00
May 11 at Sedalia .....	25.00
September 27 at Sedalia .....	20.13
October 2 at Sedalia—Special .....	13.17
January 24, 1935 at Sedalia .....	25.00
April 17, 1934, to Rev. J. C. Bierbaum—flowers .....	8.00
Flowers for Dr. Locher .....	8.90
Printing expense of 1934 conference .....	16.90
April 26, 1934, flowers for Rev. Buehler .....	5.00
Traveling expense to Higginsville for Rev. Bierbaum .....	8.00
Two pulpit supplies for Rev. Bierbaum .....	10.00
October 1, 1934, mileage to St. Joseph, Emma, Grand Pass, Columbia, two telephone calls to Dr. Press and District long distance calls .....	20.60
April 29, 1935, Rev. J. C. Bierbaum, office expense for 1935 and one pulpit supply, \$5.00 .....	22.10
April 22, 1934, District conference at Boonville, mileage for three lay council members, \$9.00 and \$5.00 gratification for janitor .....	14.00
October 29, 1934, Pastoral conference at Florence:	
To Rev. S. D. Press, traveling expense .....	5.00
To Rev. F. W. Imel, traveling expense for Dr. Press .....	3.00
December 14, 1934, Sunday School Institute:	
Prof. Wehrle, expense and gratification .....	\$23.33
Rev. D. C. Jensen, mileage .....	9.36
Rev. Theo. Hauck, mileage .....	1.20
Rev. Stoerker .....	9.14
Total .....	<u>43.03</u>
U. S. Revenue on checks to Jan. 1, 1935 .....	.34
June 15, 1934—To Rev. Paul Press, Gen. Conference in Cleve- land .....	250.00
October 29, 1934—Rev. H. P. Vieth, balance Contingent Fund..	36.75
January 17, 1935—Rev. H. P. Vieth, 1933 Statistics .....	23.00
January 24, 1935—To Rev. Paul Niedermeyer, Flowers for Mrs.	



Seybold and office expense .....	3.75
Grand total Disbursements .....	583.67

May 15, 1935, Balance in treasury .....\$ 498.35

Respectfully,

W. H. Buschmeyer, Treasurer.

### Resolution

We recommend, with thanks, the adoption of the Treasurer's report.

### District Budget

To the Rev. J. C. Bierbaum,  
President, West Missouri District.

I herewith present my annual report as budget secretary of the district council of the West Missouri District. This report covers the budget payments from the churches of this district during the year 1934.

A total of \$12,696.54 was paid by the churches of the district to the synodical budget. Our quota for the year was \$16,000. That gives the district a fraction over 79% of its total quota. The total amount is \$568.95 lower than it was in the previous year.

Thirteen churches paid their quota 100% or more. The highest percentage was attained by the St. Paul's Church, Napoleon, with 104%. Four churches paid 75% up to 99%; 11 churches paid 50% up to 74%; and six churches paid less than 50%. Every church in the district, with the exception of the Evangelical Church at Columbia, which had no quota assigned to it, paid something toward the quota. Especially exemplary is the work of the Pastor's Home at Blue Springs, who, although no quota was assigned them paid \$67.45 to the budget.

The attached statistics will show that the Zion Church at Arrow Rock and the Salem Church at Little Rock are each credited with a larger contribution to the budget than they probably expected. That is because each church sent a contribution to the synodical treasurer at the beginning of the fiscal year 1934, which they desired to have credited to their 1933 quota, but which arrived at the office of the treasurer too late and was therefore recorded in the records for 1934. For the same reason Zion Church, St. Joseph, will find their total for 1934 \$100 less than they probably expected. The last \$100 remitted by this church, although intended by the church to be added to their 1934 payments, was received by the synodical treasurer too late, and is carried in the records for 1935. The figures contained in this report correspond with the figures submitted to me by the treasurer of the Synod.

The statistics further show that the sum of \$480.46 has been credited to the churches of our district as designations.

Church and Address	Quota	Paid	Percent	Desig.
Zion, Arrow Rock .....	\$ 174.00	\$ 86.00	50	
St. Johns, Billingsville .....	329.00	335.00	102	
St. Pauls, Blackburn .....	489.00	402.21	82	



Church and Address	Quota	Paid	Percent	Desig.
Evangelical, Boonville .....	950.00	950.00	100	\$ 35.00
Friedens, Brazito .....	101.00	25.00	25	
Evangelical, California .....	893.00	893.00	100	23.80
Bethel, Concordia .....	353.00	250.00	70	40.00
St. Johns, Emma .....	219.00	100.01	46	
St. Johns, Florence .....	235.00	106.89	46	
St. Lukes, Grand Pass .....	116.00	115.95	100	10.00
Friedens, Hartsburg .....	329.00	231.85	70	31.00
Salem, Higginsville .....	1,093.00	1,093.00	100	117.00
St. Lukes, Independence .....	482.00	342.52	71	42.00
St. Pauls, Jamestown .....	289.50	289.50	100	
Central, Jefferson City .....	1,412.50	1,000.00	70	
St. Pauls, Kansas City .....	75.00	75.00	100	
St. Peters, Kansas City .....	1,166.00	1,000.00	86	30.00
Immanuel, Lamb .....	19.00	4.50	74	
Ebenezer, Levasy .....	376.00	377.50	100	100.00
Trinity, Lexington .....	529.00	529.00	100	15.00
Salem, Little Rock .....	153.00	46.00	30	
Zion, Mayview .....	392.50	392.50	100	
Salem, McGirks .....	235.00	160.00	68	
Advent, Moniteau .....	331.50	150.00	45	
St. Pauls, Napoleon .....	247.00	258.30	104	23.80
Immanuel, New Franklin .....	463.00	300.00	65	
St. Matthews, Parkville .....	174.00	174.00	100	
St. Pauls, Pilot Grove .....	223.50	181.66	81	
St. Peters, Pleasant Grove .....	155.50	155.50	100	
Trinity, St. Joseph .....	345.00	200.00	58	10.00
Zion, St. Joseph .....	1,856.00	1,100.00	59	15.59
Immanuel, Sedalia .....	733.50	500.00	69	5.12
St. Luke, Wellington .....	959.00	797.39	83	10.00
Zion, West Boonville .....	23.50	6.81	29	
Pastor's Home, Blue Springs..		67.45		36.35
Evangelical, Columbia .....				
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,696.54</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>\$480.46</b>

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul Niedermeyer,*

Vice-president & Budget Secretary

#### **Resolution on District Budget Report**

We recognize the faithfulness of the churches that have raised their budget and earnestly admonish others to do so.

#### **District Home Mission Report**

To the West Missouri District

Rev. J. C. Bierbaum, President.

We are happy to report that the work at St. Paul's church has been carried on under the leadership of Rev. Rumpf in an effective



way. Financially, this group has proven it's interest and faithfulness and we dare hope, that also spiritually the development has gone on. When news of the Central Board's reduction in support, reached us, the church willingly agreed to add this amount to its obligation. If, however, further reductions should be forthcoming, it seems doubtful whether the group can also assume these. It would seem wise and proper, if the district would devise means and ways whereby this additional financial obligation would be assumed by the District. I assure you, that St. Paul's church, would only take advantage of such an arrangement in the event of a real emergency.

We regret, that the ministry of Rev. O. J. Rumpf at St. Paul's church will terminate about July 1st. We appreciate his faithful efforts. At this writing it seems quite certain that arrangements are nearly completed to fill the vacancy in such a way, that there will be only a slight disruption in the work. We hope to be able to give you the full and completed facts of this change at the Conference session.

In closing, let me appeal to the churches and Pastors of the District, to take a greater interest in this work, and in a prayerful and cooperative manner, seek to further this work in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

*E. F. Abele*, Chairman.

#### **Resolutions**

The West Missouri District regrets to learn of the early termination of the ministry of Rev. Rumpf at St. Paul's church in Kansas City. We are grateful to him for his work in that field. At the same time we welcome Rev. Franklin Imel as the new missionary in that field and bespeak for him the hearty cooperation of all concerned.

We recommend, that, should there be a further reduction in financial support by the Central Board, the West Missouri District Council be given authority to determine whether or not the financial obligation thus incurred be assumed by the District, and if so to devise ways and means by which this may be done.

#### **Religious Education**

The Board of Religious Education,  
West Missouri District.

Report to the District Conference, 1935,

Dear Brethren:

The work of religious education in the churches of our district during the past year has continued much as in previous years. In the Sunday school, Confirmation classes, Vacation schools, and in a few instances in Week-Day schools our pastors and teachers have sought by the process of education to develop Christian personality.

In its efforts to provide inspiration and instruction for the workers in the field of religious education in our churches your Board has again met with enthusiastic response. Both the convention held at Sedalia, and the institutes held at Jamestown, Higginsville and Park-



ville, were attended by numbers exceeding all previous records, and the churches entertaining these gatherings have thereby rendered the kingdom of Christ a valuable service.

This year's convention will be held at Concordia the week following the District conference, and no doubt the autumn institutes will also be announced in due time. We recommend attendance at these gatherings and participation in the Evangelical Leadership training schools most cordially to all of our workers.

Though statistics in regard to the work of religious education in our district in 1934 are yet incomplete, all indications are that the cause has moved steadily forward.

Sincerely yours,

The Board of Religious Education,  
West Missouri District  
By *Frederick Stoerker*, Chairman

### **Evangelical League**

Report of the District League Board on the work carried on between the District Conferences of 1934 and 1935.

To the Hon. President of the West Missouri District,  
Rev. J. C. Bierbaum, California, Missouri.

Dear Brother:

The League Board has nothing to report except giving the Financial Status in the Y. P. work in the District as far as it concerns the League Board.

It would seem that there is a missing link somewhere in the Y. P. work in the district. The League Board is appointed by the Hon. President of the district and is authorized to collect the district dues and the national dues of the Y. P. Leagues and to forward the National dues to headquarters in St. Louis. But when there has accumulated a small surplus in the treasury of the district union then the district conference disposes of it as it sees fit. The fact is that the Y. P. Leagues who have contributed that money have not a word to say about the disbursement. It would seem more just and fair and it would create more of an active interest if the League Board and the officers of the District Y. P. Union could have more of a mutual understanding and cooperation. As we have it now, the League Board and the officers of the Union are not only two independent but also two separate parties—the Board having nothing to do with the program of the Y. P. conventions, and the officers of the Union having nothing to say as to the expenditures of the Y. P. money. Would it not be advisable for these two parties to get together at the next Y. P. convention and find some more satisfactory way of cooperation?



### Financial Report

#### DISTRICT DUES: INCOME

Balance at Conference, 1934 .....	\$ 98.25
District Dues Since .....	33.75
For Salary, Student Pastor .....	10.00
	<hr/> \$133.00

#### EXPENDITURES

Student Pastor .....	\$ 10.00
Student Work in Columbia .....	40.00
Mission in Kansas City .....	40.00
Postage, Tax on Checks .....	3.08
	<hr/> 93.08

Balance, Conference 1935 .....

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\$ 39.92

#### National Dues

Income .....	\$69.20
Sent to Headquarters .....	69.20

#### Resolution

We recommend that the District advise the Sunday School and Young People's Convention to appoint the person in charge of the solicitation for the Pastor's salary fund, for a period of years rather than for one year, and to keep a permanent record of the pledges and contributions for this fund.

### Brotherhood Report

To the Rev. J. C. Bierbaum, President, West Missouri District:

The eleventh annual convention of the Federation of the Evangelical Brotherhoods of West Missouri District was held October 14th, 1934, at Zion Evangelical Church, St. Joseph, Missouri. The West Missouri District Federation at the time of the convention had 12 Brotherhoods with a membership of 459. All National and District dues were paid in full.

On January 13th, 1935, a meeting of the Executive Board was held at Lexington, Missouri. Plans for the regional conferences for 1935 were discussed also the possibility of holding a men's Congress at Jefferson City, Missouri. Further plans for financing the Blue Springs Pastors Home water works were discussed.

On March 24th, 1935, there was a meeting of the officers and others as a special committee relative to the disposition of tickets and other matters relating to the Men's Congress which is to be held in Jefferson City, Missouri, on May 19th, 1935, sponsored by the Missouri District Federation, West Missouri District Federation and the St. Louis Federation.

On May 5th a regional conference was held at Parkville, Missouri, Evangelical Church. There was an attendance of 141 persons representing 10 congregations.

One new Brotherhood was organized that of Napoleon, Missouri.

*Paul Niedermeyer, Pastoral Advisor to Ex. Com.*



### Resolutions

Be it resolved, that the District look with favor upon the Men's Congress held at Jefferson City on May 19, 1935. We consider it an outstanding event and hope that similar meetings be encouraged and repeated.

Be it further resolved, that the District expresses its appreciation of the work done by the West Missouri District Brotherhood Federation and urges a continuance of all its projects. All the men's organizations within the District are also urged to support the Brotherhood program.

### Evangelical Women's Union

A summary of the report of the Evangelical Women's Union of the West Missouri District for 1934, compiled by Mrs. Leslie J. Ross, Secretary, Jefferson City, Missouri:

There are 45 organizations in our District; 4 of these were added during the past year; the membership is 1,476. A convention and three group meetings were held; the attendance at the group meetings was 313. Local societies contributed \$3034.56 to their churches. Church Paper Week was observed by 9 societies; 38 subscribers were reported. Clothing, toys and \$252.38 were contributed to missions. Ninety-five "Daily Talks with God" were sold. Two hundred and eighty-one Thankoffering boxes were used in 14 societies; \$209.92 was the amount contributed in them. Sixty-five dollars was given to the Student Aid Fund and \$409.00 to the Synodical budget. Four members "in Memoriam" and one Patron are reported. Canned goods and Christmas baskets to the value of \$545.92 were contributed in local congregations and communities. Money, food, bedding and clothing to various homes and missions amounted to \$637.18. Nineteen societies encouraged their members to vote.

	1933	1934
Societies Using Monthly Program .....	24	23
Monthly Programs Used .....	857	797
Women's Union Libraries .....	2	3
Volumes .....	7	14
Daily Talks with God Sold .....	121	95
New Subscribers for Church Papers .....	16	38
Sick Visits Made .....	1133	861
Societies Using Thankoffering Boxes .....	15	14
Number of Boxes Used .....	167	281
Number of Organizations Having Departments of Work ...	15	30

If the 12 societies which did not send in any report had done so, the report above would likely look different from what it does.

### Resolution

Be it resolved, that the District express its appreciation of the work done by the District and National Women's Union, which shows us the vital contribution this organization is making towards Kingdom building, and trust it will continue its efforts. We solicit the support of our local organizations of the programs offered by the National and District Boards.



### **Pension and Relief**

The past year has been without any outstanding events as far as our Pension and Relief work is concerned. The checks have been sent out regularly every three months and were gratefully received by our pensioners. Our District Committee met for its annual meeting and disposed of the routine business.

There have been several changes in the list of pensioners in our District during this year. Three names that were present a year ago, do not appear on our list today. These are: Mrs. Hannah Seybold and Mrs. Catherine Krull, both having been called by the Master into the life beyond, and Rev. I. Neumann, who has returned to the Indiana District. The new members that have come into our midst are: Mrs. J. Stroetker and Rev. C. Raase. Both have moved into vacant houses of our Pastors Home at Blue Springs. We bid them a hearty welcome! The total number of pensioners in our District is now 21, one less than a year ago. Of these 11 persons receive pension only, while the remaining 10 are also provided with relief.

It is with regret that we report a decrease in the amount of relief granted for the current year. All persons on the relief roll have suffered a reduction of an average of \$16.00 from the amount they received last year. Much as we deplore this fact, yet we have cause to be thankful that the loss isn't greater. We sincerely hope, that our Pension Board may be in a position to pay out the amounts promised and substantially increase them in the future.

*Theo. Pfundt.*

### **Foreign Mission Board**

To the District President:

The District Board for Foreign Missions does not have very much of a tangible nature to report to the Annual District Conference. As a board and individually we have endeavored to create a greater interest in the Foreign Mission work of our church. We have been of assistance in suggesting reading courses and whenever called upon have presented the work of the United Church at Conferences, conventions and at Annual Mission festivals.

Quite generally the churches of the West Missouri District manifest a real interest in the Foreign Mission work of our Church, which makes unnecessary a great amount of work for the District Board, but we feel that now with the United Church there should be imparted to the churches of the District more information of a personal nature by workers from the new fields of our Church, and therefore, if the churches of the District will cooperate, it is suggested that a representative from China or Japan or Iraq, be secured to speak in as many churches as possible.

The Board acknowledges with a great deal of pleasure the interest shown in Foreign Missions by designations for the work, which has made possible certain projects not permitted with the curtailed budget receipts. We also appreciate the reception accorded Missionaries of the



District, Rev. Theo. Seybold and Sister Minnie Gadt, who were permitted to speak in many churches of the District.

Foreign Mission Board of the West Missouri District,  
*Rev. D. C. Jensen, Chairman.*

### **Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association**

The past year has been one of many trials for our Association. Not only did the closing of banks tie up some of its funds, but additional demands were made on account of unusually heavy losses. But we are happy to say, that it has not been found wanting. All claims have been adjusted and paid in due time.

The long-expected new policies have made their appearance and are now in use. These policies are written in three classes, designated as: AC for church and SS. buildings and contents, AD for parsonage and out-buildings and B for personal property. The fact, that these policies are blanket policies and that the insurance for fire-lighting and storm-hail are separated, makes them more valuable and convenient. These and other additional advantages more than make up for the slight increase in cost. The latter has been further reduced by a recent reduction of storm insurance from 15c to 10c per hundred dollars of insurance. The assessments on all policies of the new series are due on the date of issue of the policy and are collected by the home office. The policies of the old series remain in force until maturity and the assessments on these are collected by the District Inspector as heretofore.

At the present time there are 95 policies of the old and 21 policies of the new series in force in our District. The total amount of insurance by these 116 policies is \$529,935.00.

On September 11, 1934, the Evangelical Advent Congregation, Moniteau was paid the sum of \$171.90 for damages on their church caused by a storm.

The rate of assessment for this year remains the same as last year namely 1½ and 2½ dollars per thousand dollars insurance and should be paid to the District Inspector on or before July 1, 1935.

*Theo. Pfundt.*

### **District Court**

Dear Brother Bierbaum:

Just received your card with notice to report of the District Judiciary.

I wish to report that since our last District Conference, no actions were brought before the judiciary of the West Missouri District.

With best regards,

Yours fraternally,

*J. Hauck.*

### **Lafayette County Regional Conference**

The first and only session of the Lafayette County Regional Conference was held in Trinity Evangelical Church, Lexington, September 30 and October 1, 1930. All the pastors of the region were present and a fine delegation from the congregations was in attendance.



No effort was made to hold other conferences because of a resolution of a district conference requesting that the regional meetings be discontinued.

Sincerely,

*Theo. Hauck, Chairman.*

### **California Regional Conference**

Rev. J. C. Bierbaum, President West Missouri District:

During the past few years the California Region has existed only in name. As an organization it has not been active. In accordance with the action of the District Conference held in 1931, the Region has not met in Conference since the fall of 1930. The Treasury of the Region show funds to the amount of \$25.46.

Respectfully,

*N. C. Schultz, Chairman.*

### **Kansas City Regional Conference**

Rev. J. C. Bierbaum, President West Missouri District:

You request a report on the Kansas City Regional Conference. On paper this conference still exists, but it has shown no signs of life during the past year.

Respectfully,

*Paul Niedermeyer, President on paper.*

## **Resolutions Based on Reports of the Synodical Officers and Boards**

### **President's Report**

The West Missouri District agrees with the President that the admonition of St. Paul: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock," deserves our special attention in the present time which is characterized by upheavals and changes in all fields of human activities.

We welcome Rev. F. C. Klick, who for many years has been a faithful member of our District and for several terms ably filled the office of District President, into the important office of President of the Synod. We pray that God's blessings and guidance may enable him to serve in this important position in God's Kingdom.

In view of the promise that the new constitution of our United Church will be ready by next spring, the West Missouri District is of the opinion that a special conference should be called for next year in order to give all members an opportunity to consider and amend the constitution before it is finally adopted by the General Conference.

Our hearts are filled with sadness as we remember the many co-workers in our church, many of whom were prominent in the work, who were called from the church militant into the church triumphant. We express our sympathy to all the bereaved, pointing to that precious hope expressed in the word of God: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." We set aside the opening period of Thursday afternoon's session as the time for a memorial service.

We call the attention of all members of our District to the words



of our President directed against the worldly practices that have crept into the churches in some places. We expect all our members to refrain from using such means as are not in keeping with the high calling of the church.

#### **Synodical Treasurer and Synodical Budget**

The West Missouri District notices with satisfaction that the number of congregations which have met their obligations toward the Synod has increased, but regrets very much that this improvement has almost been wiped out by the failing of others who have raised a very small amount or have failed entirely.

We suggest that the officers of the Synod personally visit these congregations and their pastors in an effort to help these respective parties to recognize their duties toward the Kingdom of God. This attempt should be made in the present year in order that the 1935 Budget may be a success.

To all those parties who desire to donate a sum of money to their Church we recommend that such donations be given in the form of annuities rather than in legacies, in order that the trouble and loss on the part of the Church may be reduced to a minimum.

#### **Executive Secretary of the General Council**

Be it resolved, that we take note of the splendid work accomplished by the Executive Secretary of the General Council, and we feel that this work should be continued in spite of the reduced Budget income.

We favor the continuation of the printing of statistics on the new economic basis, as in former years.

The West Missouri District favors the Kingdom Service Committee in the interest of promotional work and especially as it pertains to the Every Member Canvass, which will materially assist in the raising of necessary finances for local and synodical work. The members of this committee shall be elected by the District Conference, one from each regional conference in the District.

We recommend to the churches of the District the published work "The New Venture of Faith" and suggest the use of same.

#### **Educational Institutions**

##### **EDEN SEMINARY**

The West Missouri District is happy to learn that the venture of uniting Central Seminary with Eden Seminary, has proved satisfactorily to all concerned. It is also very gratifying to the District to know that the phase of the curriculum known as Field Work, is receiving more attention.

##### **ELMHURST COLLEGE**

It is a source of genuine pleasure to the District that Elmhurst College has finally become a fully accredited institution of learning. However, in view of the fact that such favorable rating will continue only so long as certain standards are met, we urgently request that individuals and congregations do their utmost toward amply supplying this school with funds and students.



### **Elmhurst-Eden Advance**

The West Missouri District rejoices that during the years of the depression the ingathering of the Elmhurst-Eden Advance can show such results as are reported. They speak of love and loyalty to our educational institutions and to the church. They bring us the assurance that as soon as the economic situation of our country improves, Elmhurst and Eden will enjoy a liberal financial support.

The West Missouri District does not want the standards of Elmhurst College lowered, neither does the district think it wise to raise the fees at Elmhurst, therefore we earnestly urge the churches of the District to pay their budget quota in full so that the appropriation to Elmhurst from the synodical budget need not be lowered. We further urge that all members of the District who signed pledges in the Elmhurst-Eden Advance campaign pay those pledges promptly so that the endowment of our institutions may be enlarged.

The West Missouri District is of the opinion that none of the proceeds of the Elmhurst-Eden Advance campaign, i. e., the principal, should be used to pay interest on the bonds of these institutions. Wherever that has become necessary, we hope that arrangements will be made to return such amounts to capital investments.

### **Home Missions**

The West Missouri District is grateful to God for the various manifestations of progress in this enterprise of our Church. We note with joy the fact that four churches have become self-supporting and that others are making progress in that direction.

We regret the fact that reduced giving on the part of the churches has made retrenchment necessary in the work of missions. We feel, however, that general economic conditions are at least partially responsible for this condition and that the reduced giving is not necessarily an indication of a flagging interest in the work.

We recognize the greatness of our task of bringing the various phases of the life of our nation under the sway of Christ, but are happy to note and approve the promise of our Board not to plunge into these "vast fields of service" until economic conditions justify such actions.

We rejoice in the benefits derived from the observance of the 75th anniversary of the Home Mission work of our church together with the circulation of the missionary booklets "Missionary Trails" and "Missionary Horizons."

We are grateful for the progress being made by the Home Mission Boards of the Evangelical and Reformed branches of our church toward the consummation of the merger and join the Board in recommending that the constituency of our church acquaint itself with the Home Mission work of the Reformed Church.

We gratefully acknowledge the liberal contribution made by the Women's Union to the work of Home Missions.

The West Missouri District appreciates the work of our mission-



aries in the "Home Field" of the Church, who have worked so faithfully for their Savior even under adverse circumstances. May the Lord bless them in their work. We also voice our hearty thanks to the Board of Home Missions for its capable promotion of the missionary enterprise and its efficient and unselfish work in building the kingdom of God.

#### **Extension Fund**

The District is grateful that the Church Extension Fund could be of help to a number of churches again during the past fiscal year. We appreciate the difficulties under which this board had to labor and express our gratitude to the members for their wise and loyal administration of the funds.

The District thinks that the Church Extension Fund is by no means the least important fund in the synodical administration and desires that it be remembered more liberally in the division of budget receipts.

#### **Foreign Missions**

The West Missouri District, considering the 50th anniversary of our Foreign Missions with its manifold blessings, and remembering the sacrifices of our missionaries in these 50 years of service, shares in the grateful expression of the Board, that 1934 was truly "a blessed year of the Lord."

The West Missouri District faithfully remembers the extraordinary and outstanding work and loving service of the late Dr. Paul Menzel who served 39 consecutive years as Chairman, Secretary, and Executive Secretary respectively.

We praise God for Dr. Menzel's work and will always remember him as a shining example of faithfulness in our Mission enterprise. To his successor Rev. F. Goetsch we express our full confidence and assure him of our sincere cooperation.

The West Missouri District is encouraged by the increase in designations for missions in general and appreciates the fine support given by the Women's Union, the Medical Society and the special supporters in the ranks of our Church. May the number of such cheerful and interested donors increase in the ensuing years.

We congratulate our co-workers in India upon their accomplishments in the varied activities to promote Kingdom growth and rejoice that through God's grace they have been kept in good health to carry on their God-given tasks.

The West Missouri District shares in the enthusiasm of our personnel in Honduras upon their success in extending their work into new fields. We urge our constituents at the home base to avail themselves of the various splendid and helpful aids that are offered to promote this venture of faith and to learn that by prayer and sacrifice alone the promises of victory are certain.

The West Missouri District rejoices in the fact that Dr. Harold Freund, formerly of our District has entered into active service as a missionary and physician in India.



### **Board of Publications**

In consideration of the reported deficit of the Board of Publications to the amount of \$2,986.92, the West Missouri District wishes to go on record that it understands the situation, and commends the Board of Publications for its faithful work under the trying circumstances.

The West Missouri District approves of the action of the General Council in its meeting of last fall wherein it authorized the closing of our Chicago branch of Eden Publishing House upon the expiration of the present lease in October, 1936.

The West Missouri District agrees with the position of the faculty of Eden Theological Seminary in declining the editorship of the "Theological Magazine," but recommends that space be made available in some other of our publications for the expression of such theological and philosophical thought as may be of special interest to our constituency.

The West Missouri District wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the valuable services which were rendered by the following: Board of Publications, the Editors of various papers of our church (including the editor of the "Theological Magazine"), and the General Manager and staff of Eden Publishing House.

### **Religious Education**

The West Missouri District endorses the only justifiable goal of Religious Education as set forth by the Board of Religious Education and would emphasize particularly the words: "For Christian Education after all is an 'inward leaven-like process,' its changes have to do not with features or dress but with understandings and attitudes, with ideals, with convictions and with relationships to God and to society. . . . Its task is not one of changing finish, but one of working with fiber, one of reaching into the innermost parts of life itself, one of guiding the growth of personality not after an ideal fashion of man but after the perfect pattern of Christ. Its task is not easy, neither is it simple." (P. 102 of Synod Report.)

Its leaders therefore cannot be too vigilant in insuring an on-going process rightly tuned with and directed toward the only justifiable objective, the establishment of the Spirit of Christ in human lives, the spiritual creative growth of Christian personality.

The West Missouri District heartily recommends the study of the most recent problems relating to Sunday school work, especially pertaining to the discontinuance of classes from the intermediate department and up.

With thanks to God the District takes cognizance of the fact that in almost all phases of its work the Board of Religious Education is able to show increase and development.

The Districe pledges itself to support every movement of the respective Boards of the "E" and "R" groups dealing with the furtherance of Religious Education.



The District appreciates the work and success of the Board of Religious Education in promoting leadership training, more effective confirmation instruction, in the publication of literature helpful to the teacher and guide, in aiding the conduct of the vacation church school, in offering new stereopticon slides and other visual aids, in proffering the use of service libraries, in promotion of missionary education, and in its indefatigable field work.

The West Missouri District is in sympathy with the policy of our Board of Religious Education to work increasingly with other religious educational agencies. It feels its obligation to aid in educating our people toward a deeper spiritual life and a keener Kingdom-mindedness so that social justice, a more equitable distribution of the world's goods, clean government, and international understanding and peace be established.

#### **Pension and Relief**

We of the West Missouri District are pleased to take note of the increase of Pension paid, but on the other hand regret that it was necessary to reduce the relief granted to the worthy pensioners. We trust that this relief fund will be increased so that sufficient relief can be tendered the needy and worthy parties concerned.

The West Missouri District would express their heartiest appreciation to the Women's Union for their gift received in the erection of the Cottage at Blue Springs, Missouri. We gratefully acknowledge their further contributions for relief among our pensioners through their thankoffering project. We also duly appreciate the Union's promise of future assistance for the fiscal year of 1935.

We as a conference wish sincerely to thank the West Missouri District Brotherhood Federation for assuming the obligation of the installation of water at Blue Springs, Missouri, and urgently request all pastors and congregations to assist the Federation in financing this very worthwhile project.

#### **Endowments and Trust Funds**

The West Missouri District deeply regrets the death of the Rev. William Grotefeld, who for many years served the Synod as member and as chairman of the Board of Endowments and Trust Funds. We know that the Synod has lost a loyal and devoted servant. His work will be a lasting memorial unto him.

The sentence "So far we have sustained no actual loss of funds," in the report of the Board fills us with deep gratitude to God that He has given his abundant blessing on the work of this Board. To the members of the Board, individually and as a Board, we express our appreciation for their faithful performance of their duties.

#### **Brotherhood**

Be it resolved, that the district notes with pleasure the progress made by the National Brotherhood and congratulates the officers and Board for the comprehensive program they have worked out for the men of the church and encourages its use as far as possible.



Be it resolved that the district is pleased to note the progress made toward the ultimate merger of the Evangelical Brotherhood and Reformed Churchmen's League.

#### **Women's Union**

Be it resolved, that the district express its appreciation of the work done by the district and National Women's Union, which shows us the vital contribution this organization is making towards Kingdom building and trust it will continue its efforts. We solicit the support of our local organizations of the programs offered by the National and District Boards.

#### **Evangelical League**

The District recognizes the supreme importance of youth work in the Church. We are especially mindful of the service the League is rendering our students. In view of the fact that a small amount of indebtedness still rests on our Chapel at Columbia, Missouri, we would like to challenge those groups that have as yet made no contribution toward this project to do so as soon as possible.

We regret the fact that the meager financial support of the League has materially hampered it in carrying out its program. Since in our opinion the effectiveness of the merger of our Church with the Reformed Church in the U. S. will have to begin with our young people we urge that efforts be put forth to bring the youth of the United Church together in a national convention next year.

#### **Evangelical Charities**

The West Missouri District appreciates the good work which is being done by our various institutions of charity and invokes the blessing of God upon their ministrations of mercy.

Should the charitable institutions of the Reformed Church see fit to join the federation we approve of the proposal to change the name to "The Federated Charities of the Evangelical and Reformed Church."

#### **Christianity and Social Problems**

The District commends the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems for its untiring efforts to awaken the Church to its God-given task of helping to create a social order that shall be in harmony with the teachings of Christ.

In order that the matter of Christianity and Social Problems might be given more attention within the District, we favor the appointment of a District Committee on Social Problems.

#### **Historical Commission**

The West Missouri District rejoices in the conscientious research work of the Historical Commission and requests its members as well as the members of the Reformed Church to report any important dates or data of historical value to that respective Commission.

#### **Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association**

The fine record of this association inspires us with a confidence that it will serve the constituency of our Church as faithfully and as



efficiently in the future. This confidence is strengthened by declaration in the report, that the officers are determined to continue the administration of this association on sound principles. We thank the officers and district inspectors for their fine services rendered.

We urge church councils and trustees, for their own sake and for the sake of the association officers, to heed the admonition in the report about care in filling out applications for insurance.

### **Services and Addresses**

The Communion Service on Tuesday afternoon was a real inspiration to all members of the Conference. Rev. Theo. Hauck brought the message and Rev. G. Kreuzenstein conducted the liturgical service.

Tuesday evening's service gave the Conference the opportunity to hear Dr. George W. Richards, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The local pastor, Rev. F. Stoerker served at the altar.

Wednesday morning, Rev. J. J. Braun, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board addressed the Conference, bringing the information and challenge of this work which he represents.

Following this address, Rev. Harmon J. McGuire, pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, Missouri, delivered a paper on "Modern Tendencies and Technique of the Forms of Worship."

Wednesday afternoon Dr. George W. Richards addressed the Conference on "Why the Union."

Wednesday evening was devoted to an hour of fellowship. The entertainment was provided by the local church, and consisted of musical numbers and short addresses.

Thursday afternoon Rev. E. W. Berlekamp paid a tribute to our departed members and called the attention of all to the glorious hope of the Christian faith. Rev. E. F. Abele led the devotional part of the Memorial Service.

Thursday evening the Conference met for its last worship service. Rev. Paul Niedermeyer conducted the liturgy and Rev. F. C. Klick, President of the Evangelical Synod preached the sermon on the theme "The Heart of Kingdom Service." At this service the Honorable President, J. C. Bierbaum, conveyed to the members of Zion Church, its pastor and family, the thanks of the Conference for the many kindnesses shown us, and the splendid entertainment offered us. At the close of the service, Rev. J. Sauer of Kansas City, installed the newly elected officers of the District.

On Friday morning, President F. C. Klick addressed the Conference, reminding all that the task of the church belonged not only to the officers, but to every member and individual pastor.

The Conference voiced its thanks and appreciation to all who thus served in the above mentioned manner.

### **Conference Greetings and Guests**

Greetings were conveyed to the Conference from Rev. Paul Press, who expressed regret over the fact that it was impossible for him to



be in our midst. Greetings also were brought to the Conference from Rev. Clyde Koehler, a former member of our District, and Rev. C. F. Sabrowsky.

Through the person of Rev. D. C. Jensen, Missionary Theodore Seybold presented to the West Missouri District an official gavel, fashioned of teakwood and made in the carpenter shop of our Boy's School in Raipur, India. It was gratefully received by the Moderator, Rev. J. C. Bierbaum and the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the thoughtfulness of all who thus remembered the District. Likewise was he instructed to convey the Conference greetings to Rev. K. W. Nottrott of Blue Springs, a former Missionary to India, who is now a helpless invalid.

Other guests introduced from the Conference floor were: Dr. J. C. Horning, St. Joseph, Missouri, and Mrs. William Hughart, Treasurer of the District Women's Union.

### **Miscellaneous**

Rev. Carl Grathwohl and Rev. Edwin Wahl were received into membership of the Synod, by unanimous vote of the Conference.

### **Traveling Expenses**

The traveling expenses for the members of the Conference were fixed at \$4.30. The customary registration fee of \$2.00 prevailed as in former years.

### **Excuses**

Rev. S. P. Bittner was excused for the duration of the conference, likewise the delegate from Bethel Church, Concordia. The following were excused at 11:00 A. M. Friday morning: Rev. E. W. Berlekamp, Rev. E. Beissenherz, Rev. C. Gabler, Mr. Carl Bosch, Mr. T. J. Schaberg, Mr. E. Hotz, Rev. H. Mueller and Mr. Dan Schupp. The matter of excusing others who failed to be present, or ask for permission to leave before adjournment was left in the hands of the District Council.

### **Special Resolutions**

The West Missouri District favors the printing of its Conference reports and resolutions in a separate booklet.

Be it resolved, that no congregation may be represented by more than one member on the District Council, and that no member of the Council who has served two consecutive terms be eligible for re-election.

Be it resolved, that the District Council appoint a committee of three, composed of two pastors and one layman, to look after the religious life of our youth at Warrensburg, Missouri, and Maryville, Missouri, at our Teacher's Colleges or Normals, at those places, and that this committee be empowered to survey the situation and present it to the District Council for their definite action.

Be it resolved, that the customary gratification of \$25.00 per year be voted the President and Secretary of our District, respectively, and



that a gratification of \$10.00 be allowed the janitor of the entertaining church.

Be it resolved that the District Mission Board be authorized to draw on the District Treasury for the payment of the moving expense of Rev. Imel to the Mission Church, provided these costs can not otherwise be defrayed.

Be it resolved that the District ask the President of the Synod to convey its greeting to other Districts which he will visit.

The West Missouri District instructs the Secretary to send a letter of sympathy to the Rev. K. W. Notrott of Blue Springs, Missouri, and say to him "Be not dismayed, God will take care of you."

The lay delegates wish to express their appreciation of the fine spirit of Christian fellowship that has existed between them and the pastors during this Conference and does exist between the laymen and pastors of our District.

The motion was made and adopted that the pastors of the District Council be the members of the Examining Board.

It was moved and accepted that the most important resolutions be mailed to each delegate of the Conference.

It was moved and carried that a District Pastoral Conference be convened this fall, if no Regional or District Conference is convened. Attendance at this conference is obligatory and a registration fee of \$1.00 is to be asked from each Pastor.

### Elections

Moderator, Rev. J. C. Bierbaum; Vice-Moderator, Rev. P. Niedermeyer.

*District Officers:* President, Rev. J. C. Bierbaum, California, Missouri; Vice-President, Rev. Theo. Hauck, Higginsville, Missouri; Secretary, Rev. E. F. Abele, Boonville, Mo.; Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Buschmeyer, Boonville, Missouri.

*District Council:* Rev. E. W. Berlekamp, Mr. H. H. Webbink. Hold Over Member, Mr. A. T. Loewer, 2 years.

*District Court:* Rev. N. Lehmann, Rev. J. Abele. Hold Over Members—Rev. J. Hauck, Mr. Herman Schwitzky, and Mr. Dan Holke.

*Home Mission Board:* Rev. N. C. Schultz, Rev. Paul Niedermeyer, to fill unexpired term of Rev. Theo. Hauck, of 2 years, Mr. H. H. Heins. Hold Over Members—Rev. W. F. Esser, 4 years; Mr. Elmer Ahmann, 4 years; Mr. E. Riske, 2 years.

*Board of Foreign Missions:* Mr. Henry Hellwig. Hold Over Members—Rev. M. Seybold, 4 years; Rev. D. C. Jensen, 2 years.

*Board of Religious Education:* Rev. D. C. Jensen, Mr. R. S. Trachsel. Hold Over Members—Rev. E. W. Berlekamp, 4 years; Mrs. H. F. Schrankler, 4 years; Rev. Carl Schmidt, 2 years, and Mrs. Erma Walkenhorst, 2 years.

*Pension Board:* Rev. E. Beissenherz. Hold Over Members—Rev. H. Mueller, 4 years; Mr. Herman Schwitsky, 2 years.



*District Kingdom Service Committee:* Rev. E. W. Berlekamp, Chairman, Rev. O. J. Rumpf, Rev. Theo. Hauck, Rev. Paul Niedermeyer.

### **Appointments**

*Women's Union:* G. Nussmann, Austin Schultz.

*Brotherhood:* Theo. Pfundt, Paul Niedermeyer.

*League:* G. Kreuzenstein, John Schmidt, N. Lehman.

### **CLOSING OF CONFERENCE**

After the final reading of the minutes and their adoption, it was moved that the Conference adjourn. This motion carried. The 43rd Conference adjourned at 12:35 P. M. Friday, June 7th. Rev. M. Seybold led in the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*E. F. Abele*, Secretary.

Approved:

*J. C. Bierbaum*, Moderator.



## **WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

**(No Conference)**

### **Members of the Wisconsin District**

#### **Milwaukee Region**

##### **Milwaukee:**

Bethany, F. W. Ringe  
Bethel, E. Gehle  
Christ, H. Niefer  
Friedens, W. H. Schlinkmann  
Glaubens, E. Kuecherer  
Grace, Adolf Friz  
Immanuel, P. Bratzel  
St. Paul, W. G. Rath  
Salem, F. A. Ludwig  
Tabor, E. J. Fleer  
Trinity, F. G. Ludwig  
Zion, A. Engelbrecht  
Butler, Friedens, Theo. P. Frohne  
Cudahy, Christ, S. Gonser  
Durham, Bethlehem, C. W. Hornburg  
Hales Corners, Immanuel, C. W. Hornburg  
South Milwaukee, St. Luke, S. Gonser  
Wauwatosa, St. Paul, Theo. P. Frohne  
Milwaukee, Deaconess Hospital, Paul Wendt

#### **Monroe Region**

(Meets with Milwaukee)

Browntown, Friedens, H. Weichelt  
Darlington, Immanuel, P. A. Schuh  
Fort Atkinson, Friedens, R. A. Buelow  
Jordan, Ebenezer, H. Weichelt  
Lancaster, Bethlehem, J. L. Haack  
Libertyridge, St. Paul  
Marion, Grant Co., Immanuel, K. Brunn  
Monroe, St. John, P. A. Schuh  
Wayne, St. Paul, H. Weichelt

#### **Fon du Lac Region**

Appleton, St. John, W. R. Wetzeler  
Berlin, Salem, P. C. Kehle  
Black Creek, St. John, W. Jos. Schmidt  
Black Wolf, New Bethel, P. Stange  
Brillion, Friedens, Kurt Kielhorn  
Byron Tp., Bethel, K. Koehler  
Calumet Harbor, St. Paul, A. Klumb  
Cicero, St. John



Collins, St. Paul, Kurt Kielhorn  
Fond du Lac, Friedens, K. Koehler  
Kewaskum, Peace, R. M. A. Gadow  
Neenah, Emanuels, E. Kollath  
Oshkosh, Immanuel, P. Stange  
Oshkosh, St. Paul, Th. Irion  
Reedsville, Friedens, Kurt Kielhorn  
Ripon, First Ev. Luth., P. C. Kehle  
Beechwood, St. John, R. M. A. Gadow

#### **Sheboygan Region**

Boltonville, St. John, K. Kuenne  
Elkhart Lake, St. John, C. Nagel  
Fillmore, St. Martins, A. Guenther  
Manitowoc, St. John, Paul H. Blaufuss  
Meeme, St. James, Carl G. Schmahl  
Mosel, St. Mark, Carl G. Schmahl  
Port Washington, Friedens, H. Armin Fleer  
Random Lake, St. John, K. Kuenne  
Rhine, St. Peter, P. Thomas  
Russell, St. Paul, John Siegle  
Saukville, St. Peter, G. A. Hensel  
Sheboygan, St. John, E. Krueger  
Silvercreek, St. Paul, K. Kuenne  
Town Hermann, St. John, Wm. Schultz  
Waubeka, St. Paul, A. Guenther

#### **Washington County Region**

Ackerville, St. Paul, L. C. Boeker  
Near Ackerville, St. John, L. C. Boeker  
Brookfield, Trinity, Albert G. Gonser  
Erin, St. Paul, E. R. Wullschlaeger  
Germantown, St. John, Karl Merkel  
Hartford, St. John, R. E. Schwarze  
Jackson, St. Peter, E. Bergstraesser  
Jackson, Friedens, E. Bergstraesser  
Kohlsville, St. John, G. H. Franke  
Menomonee Falls, St. Paul, H. A. Crusius  
Merton, St. John, E. R. Wullschlaeger  
Portage, Trinity, M. Hoepfner  
Richfield, St. James, Paul J. Kaiser  
Rockfield, Christ, Paul J. Kaiser  
Rockfield, Zoar, H. Muehleisen  
Scott, St. Paul, M. Hoepfner  
Slinger, St. John, E. Roth  
Sussex, Zion, F. W. Malin

#### **Wausau Region**

Antigo, Unity, C. Hammen  
Arpin, St. John, F. J. Lowenbergh



Athens, Christ, Egon E. Schieler  
Cecil, St. John, E. Wilking  
Colby, St. John, Edwin Becker  
Corning, St. Paul, M. M. Schmidt  
Dorchester, Ev. Church of Peace, J. R. Kalwitz  
Edgar, St. Paul, Egon E. Schieler  
Fall Creek, Peace, H. C. Dallmann  
Marinette, Friedens, J. J. Hofmann  
Marshfield, St. Paul, Edwin Becker  
Medford, Ev. Community, J. R. Kalwitz  
Merrill, St. Stephen, M. M. Schmidt  
Milan, St. John, Egon E. Schieler  
Oconto, St. Paul, J. J. Hofmann  
Schofield, Friedens, E. C. Grauer  
Shawano, Church of Peace, A. H. Grauer  
Stevens Point, Peace, Wm. G. Schwemmer  
Wausau, St. Paul, E. C. Grauer  
Wisconsin Rapids, St. John, F. J. Lowenbergh  
Menominee, Mich., Trinity, J. J. Hofmann



